

**Series: AWM95**  
Australian Army commanders' diaries  
Royal Australian Armoured Corps

**Item number: 2/3/20**

**Item: C Squadron 1 Armoured  
Regiment**

Narrative, Annexes

1-31 December 1970



PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707/1/1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

Receipt 19/1/71 (Signature) R. E. Board Capt Appointment 21C C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted) Revised Jun, 1965

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

From 1 DEC 1970 To 31 DEC 1970

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Enclosure Numbers

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† RETAINED
† Despatched to

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\* Only to be included during operations.
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.



PART 3

**COMMANDERS DIARIES  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**AIM**

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

**GENERAL**

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**During Non-operational Periods**

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

**During Operational Periods (1)**

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
  - a. Commanders of all formations.
  - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
  - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
  - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
  - e. Unit commanders.
  - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

**COMPILATION**

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
  - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
  - b. Index as printed on cover.
  - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
  - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.

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the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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DISPOSAL

- 13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.
- 14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.
- 15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

- a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.
- b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

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ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

From.....to..... (Dates)

- c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.



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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year... DECEMBER 1970

Reference Map... SVN YS

Unit/Formation... A SQN 1 ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer... MAJ JAN CHIPTAN

Place and Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Annex Letter and Enclosure Number
	1 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E1
		1900 H	Loco: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp FSB MELISSA; 3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp YS 421658	
			INTSUM 335/70	G1
	2 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E2
			Loco: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp YS 248754; 3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp YS 422657	
			INTSUM 336/70	G2
	3 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E3
			Loco: SHQ, 4Tp NUI DAT; 1Tp YS 420655; 2Tp YS 248754; 3Tp SCOBIE	
			INTSUM 337/70	G3
	4 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E4



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	5 DEC	1900H	Activities and Plans. See Annex Loco: SHQ, 4Tp NUI DAT; 1Tp YS 420655; 2Tp FSB MELISSA; 3Tp HORSESHOE; INTSUM 339/70	E5 G5
	6 DEC	1900H	Activities and Plans. See Annex Loco: SHQ, 4Tp NUI DAT; 1Tp YS 422656; 2Tp FSB MELISSA; 3Tp HORSESHOE INTSUM 340/70 RO Pt I Serial 57 Nos 252-253	E6 G6 K1
	7 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E7



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			INTSUM 341/70	G7
	8 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E8
		1900H	Locs: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp FSB MELISSA; 3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp YS 423659	
			INTSUM 342/70	G8
			SUPINTREP 48/70	G8A
	9 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E9
		1900H	Locs: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp FSB MELISSA; 3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp YS 406649	
			INTSUM 343/70	G9
	10 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E10



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		1900H	hoco: SHQ, 1Tp 4Tp NUI DAT; SHQ Tanks with SEQ YS 401638; 2Tp FSB. MELISSA; 3Tp HORSESHOE	
			INTSUM 344/70	G10
	11 DEC		Activities: See Annex.	E11
			Plans: 4Tp relieves 2Tp on LCT protection	
			12 Dec; 1Tp relieves 4Tp Opcon 2RAR	
			hoco: SHQ, 1Tp, 4Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp FSB MELISSA; 3Tp HORSESHOE; SHQ Tanks with SEQ vic YS 401638	
			INTSUM 345/70	G11
			RO: P-I Serial 58 Nos 254-258	K2
	12 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E12
		1900H	hoco: SHQ, 2Tp NUI DAT; 1Tp YS 409645	



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			3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4 Tp FSB MELISSA INTSUM 346/70	G12
	13 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E 13
		1900H	Locs: SHQ, 2Tp NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS 418651; 3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4 Tp FSB MELISSA INTSUM 347/70	G13
	14 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E14
		1900H	Locs: SHQ, 2Tp NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS 423655; 3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4 Tp FSB MELISSA INTSUM 348/70	G14
			SUPINTREP 49/70 (Period 7-13 Dec 70)	G14A
	15 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E15
		1900H	Locs: SHQ, 2Tp NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS 418655;	



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Unit/Formation... A SQN 1 ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer... MAJ JAN CHIPMAN

Place and Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Annex Letter and Enclosure Number
			3 Tlp HORSESHOE; 4 Tlp FSB MELISSA	
			INTSUM 349/70	G15
	16 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex	E16
			Loco: SHQ, 1 Tlp NUI DAT; 2 Tlp YS423653;	
			3 Tlp HORSESHOE; 4 Tlp FSB MELISSA	
			INTSUM 350/70	G16
		0800	Handover Parade and Church Service	
			conducted at SHQ for Handover of A Squ	
			OC Maj JAN CHIPMAN to C Squ OC	
			Maj P W BOURKE. Change of Command	
			to occur at 162400 H. Included in	
			Change of Command, a change in Squ	
			Designation from A Squ to C Squ, but	
			no major personnel changes except OC's.	
			Maj Chipman to depart SVN on 17 Dec 70,	



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Unit/Formation... C SON 1 ARM'D REGT .....

Commanding Officer... Maj PW BOURKE .....

Place and Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Annex Letter and Enclosure Number
			after a period of 12 months in Command of A Squ.	
	17 DEC	0001 H	Maj PW BOURKE assumes command of Squ and change of Squ designation from 'A' to 'C' Squ.	
			Activities and Plans. See Annex	E17
			locs: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp YS 421654;	
			3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp YS 260765	
			INTSUM 351/70	G17
			RO's Pt I Serial 59 Nos 260-265	K3
	18 DEC		Activities and Plans. See Annex.	E18
			locs: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp YS 424652;	
			3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE	
			INTSUM 352/70	G18



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Unit/Formation... C SON I ARMD REGT .....

Commanding Officer... Maj PW BOURKE .....

Place and Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Annex Letter and Enclosure Number
	19 DEC		See Annex for Activities. Locs: SHQ, 1 T/p NUI DAT; 2 T/p YS 410656; 3 T/p HORSESHOE; 4 T/p NDP LORRAINE INTSUM 353/70	E19    G19
	20 DEC		Activities. See Annex Locs: SHQ, 2 T/p NUI DAT; 3 T/p HORSESHOE; 4 T/p NDP LORRAINE; 1 T/p YS 410656 INTSUM 354/70	E20    G20
	21 DEC		Activities. See Annex. Locs: SHQ, 2 T/p NUI DAT; 3 T/p HORSESHOE; 4 T/p NDP LORRAINE; 1 T/p YS 417654 INTSUM 355/70 SUPINTREP 50/70 (Period 14-20 Dec)	E21    G21 G21A



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Commanding Officer... MAJ P W BOURKE

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	22 DEC		Activities. See Annex.	E22
			Locs: SHQ, 2Tp NUI DAT; 1Tp YS 417654;	
			3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE	
			INTSUM 356/70	G22
YS 258764		1000H	4Tp located bunker system (unoccupied)	
			and next naval shell. E22 Para 1d (3)	E22
			and G22 Para 3 a (5)	G22
	23 DEC		Activities. See Annex.	E23
			Locs: SHQ, 2Tp NUI DAT; 1Tp YS 417654;	
			3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE	
			INTSUM 357/70	G23
	24 DEC		Activities. See Annex	E24
			Locs: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp YS 412655;	
			3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE	



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Commanding Officer MAJ P W BOURKE

Place and Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Annex Letter and Enclosure Number
			INTSUM 358/70	G24
	25 DEC		Activities. See Annex. Sqd ceased offensive actions but continued defensive actions during the Christmas Truce period. Unit members provided gifts for children of DUCH THANH, VINH THANH and NGAI GIAO as part of the Christmas Spirit. Locs: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp YS 395629; 3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE.	E25.
			INTSUM 359/70	G25
	26 DEC		Activities. See Annex Locs: SHQ, 1Tp NUI DAT; 2Tp YS 422622; 3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE	E26
			INTSUM 360/70	G26



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Place and Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Annex Letter and Enclosure Number
			RO P-I Serial 60 Nos 266-271	K4
	27 DEC		Activities. See Annex Locs: SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp YS 395629; 3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE	E27
			INTSUM 361/70	G27
	28 DEC		Activities. See Annex. Locs: SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS 419661; 3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE	E28
			INTSUM 362/70	G28
			SUPINTREP 51/70 (Period 21-27 Dec 70)	G28A
	29 DEC		Activities. See Annex Locs: SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS 419661; 3 Tp HORSESHOE; 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE	E29



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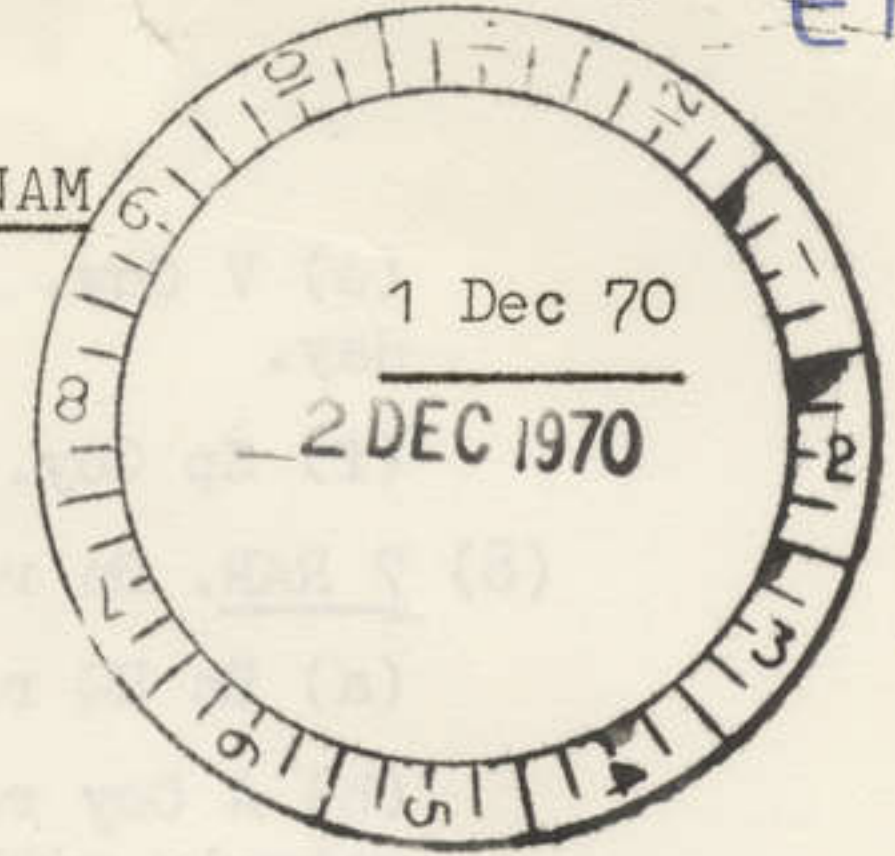
Commanding Officer.....MAJ P W BOURKE.....

Place and Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Annex Letter and Enclosure Number
			INTSUM 363/70	G 29
	30 DEC		Activities. See Annex. Locs: SHQ, 2Tp NOI DAT; 1Tp YS 424662; 3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE	E 30
			INTSUM 364/70	G 30
	31 DEC		Activities. See Annex. Locs: SHQ, 2Tp NOI DAT; 1Tp YS 419663; 3Tp HORSESHOE; 4Tp NDP LORRAINE	E 31
			INTSUM 365/70	G 31
			MILEAGE STATISTICS - DEC 70	J 1
			VEHICLE STATE - DEC 70	J 2



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT



Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).  
From 010001H to 012400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELLISSA for LCT protection.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based on HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in sp B Coy ops in RSSZ. Returned to NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL and XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) 3 Tp. One sect NDP GARTH assisted in defence of quarry and engr parties on Route 15. Remainder of tp in independent ambush tasks East of BINH GIA with D & E Pl under comd.
  - (e) Other elms at FSB MELLISSA to assist in protection LCT cmm FSB COOK for local protection of guns cmm and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (4) 1 ATF Arty. NIL contact and 63 H and I missions were fired. NGF fired missions.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mine teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT. LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELLISSA and MCT vic BINH GIA.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.
  - (c) B Coy completed search in RSSZ and returned to NUI DAT.
  - (d) C Coy operated in vic NUI DINHS.

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- (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG by night returning to NUI DAT by day.
- (f) Sp Coy. ELms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. ELms on patrol in LIGHT GREEN area.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area South East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remained on stand down.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day.
- (f) Sp Coy elms op in TAN RU area. ELms ambushed HORSESHOE HILL area by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H Dec 70.
- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Independent ambushes East of BINH GIA return to NUI DAT.
- (2) FSB COOK closes and TPS-33 radar returns to LONG BINH.
- (3) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). C Coy returns to NUI DAT for stand down.
- (4) Otherwise no change.
- c. Locations
- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp YS 421658.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 3 Tp YS 567771.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty Section FSB MELISSA, Section NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB COOK.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy FSB MELISSA. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS 348647. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy FSB BRIDGID. B Coy YS 749664. C Coy VUNG TAU. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS 549775.
- d. Contacts and Incidents.
- (1) At 011449H at YS 456892 A Tk Pl/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located one Chicom grenade, a box of AK47 rounds and one AK47 mag. The items were found on the ground. It has been estimated that these items have been in location for 6 months.
- (2) At 011345H at YS 447892 A Tk Pl/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted two persons who failed to stop when challenged. Patrol was moving through banana patch when two persons ran off, one to NE and one to NW. Persons failed to stop both on verbal and shots in the air challenge. One person was WIA and later DOW. Local residents in area disclaimed any knowledge of these two persons. Sweep failed to find other person.
- (3) At 011400H at YS 329637 8 Pl/C Coy/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a cave system approx 20'x5'x6' containing 5 beds. It is estimated that system had been occupied by up to 12 persons, the system being 8 months to 2 years old and last occupied 8 months to 12 months ago. System had deteriorated and has been destroyed.

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(4) At 012030H at YS 266577 Sect/161 RNZA Bty/4 Fd Regt RAA were contacted by 3-4 VC who approached their posn from SW. En initiated contact with automatic fire, Bty returned fire using SA, M79 & M18 Artillery supported from FSB COOK. Neg Aust eas, En cas unk sweep to be conducted in the morning.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - NIL  
Platoon - NIL  
Squad - TWO

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Refer para 1, d(2) and para 1 d(4).

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E 46-48, N 49-54, E 38-45, N 75-83. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 2 hours.

(2) Ground Activity. Team A op XUYEN MOC. Team B op con to 2 RAR.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT-No land clearing operations as no machines are serviceable.

MCT-Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 94 deg at 6 knots.

c. Temperature 81.1 deg F

d. Humidity 78%

*W.G. Henderson*  
(W.G. HENDERSON)

Brig  
Comd

Distribution

11 FForce V G3 R & E  
CG 18 ARVN Div  
SA 18 ARVN Div  
2/25 Bde  
3 Bde 1st Air Cav  
Lists B and C (Less H'shoe)

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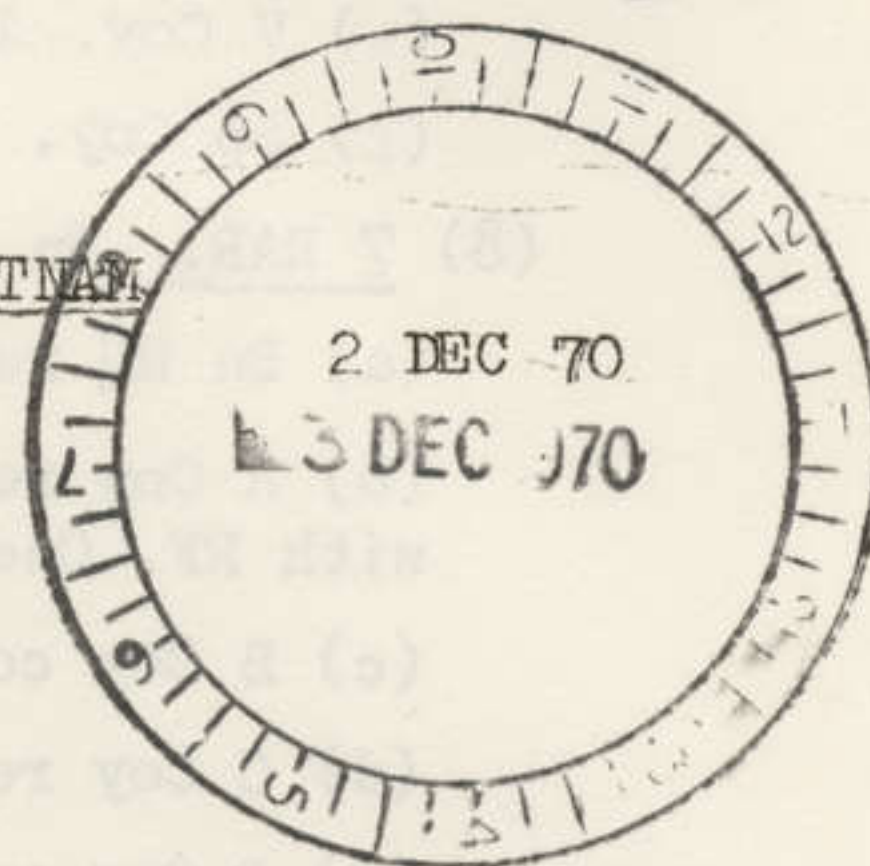
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 020001H to 022400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. FSB MELLISSA for protection.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based on HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Remained in NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL and XUYEN MOC.

(d) 3 Tp. One sect NDP GARTH assisted in defence of quarry and engr parties on Route 15. Remainder of tp returned from independent ambush tasks East of BINH GIA with D & E Pl.

(e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(4) 1 ATF Arty. / contact and  $\frac{4}{7}$ H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mine teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT. LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic BINH GIA.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route, 2 North from BARIA and south from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.

(c) B Coy remained in NUI DAT.

(d) C Coy returned from NUI DINHS to NUI DAT for stand down.

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- (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG .
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MTCE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGED ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in lie up posn.
  - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area South East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy remained on stand down.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained lie up positions in the LONG HAI's
  - (f) Sp Coy elms op in TAN RU area. Elms ambushed HORSESHOE HILL area by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day.

b. Plans Summary for Period 030001H to 032400H Dec 70

- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Independant ambushes East of BINH GIA return to NUI DAT.
- (2) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). B Coy deploys to area centre of mass 4278 on patrol task.
- (3) 7 RAR. C Coy returns from stand down.
- (4) FSB LE LOI. Opens with deployment of 161 NZ Bty in sp of B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (5) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS248754, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp YS422657.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 2 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy FSB MELISSA, B,C,V,Sp Coys NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP B I GID, B Coy YS733691, C Coy VUNG TAU, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Reference contact at 012030H at YS266577 161 RNZA Bty/4 Fd Regt RAA a sweep was conducted at first light 02 Dec 70 with negative results.
- (2) At 021130H at YS338776 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR located a bunker complex, 200 x 15 metres linear. There were 12 bunkers 6'x7'x5' with interlocking crawl trenches and tunnels and bunkers had 6' OHP. System was estimated to be 18 months old and last used 18 months ago. System to be destroyed.
- (3) At 021850H at YS457560 a member of 11Pl/D Coy/7 RAR stood on suspected M16 mine. The mine which was estimated to be approx 1.5lb detonated in the ground. Result 4 WIA (Aust).

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- e. Results
- (1) Friendly Losses
    - (a) Personnel 4 WIA (Aust)
    - (b) Material Nil
  - (2) Enemy Losses Omitted.
- f. Small Unit Actions
- (1) Omitted.
  - (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
  - (3) Omitted.
  - (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-70, E26-32, N68-76, E36-42, N75-84, Themes were benefits of Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations


(1) At 020255H at YS515541 189 RF compound was fired at by about 3 enemy using arms. 1 RF was slightly wounded. A sweep was carried out with negative results.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 25,000 square metres were cleared. 2 machines servicable.

MCT One x 10' s o completed assistance given to levelling of Artillery compound.

3. Metecrological Detail

- a. Rainfall Trace.
- b. Prevailing Winds 231 deg at 5 knots.
- c. Temperature. 79.9 deg F.
- d. Humidity 85%

  
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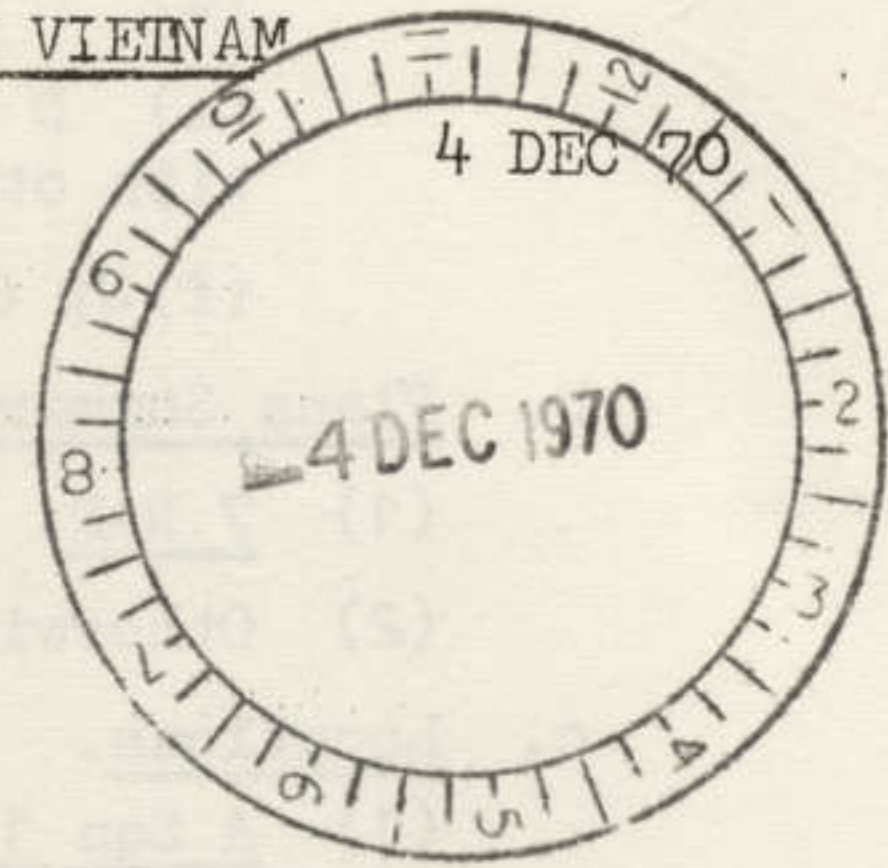
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To : Commanding General  
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1. Operations Summarya. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Sect deployed to FSB LE LOI for on local protection tasks Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Two sects on SAS Insertion.
  - (e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of engr parties on Route 2.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery, nil contacts and 62 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic BINH GIA.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from TARA and south from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained at JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.
  - (c) B Coy deployed to area WEST of BINH GIA centre of mass YS 4278
  - (d) C Coy remained on stand down.
  - (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in lie up posn.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy returned from stand down.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained lie up posns in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL. Elms ambush area by night.

b. Plans Summary for Period 040001H to 042400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. C Coy deploys to TAN RU area.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS420655, 2 Tp YS248754, 3 Tp SCOBIE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp HORSESHOE, 3 Tp YS616806.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT and MELISSA.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy MELISSA, B Coy YS451765, C Coy VUNG TAU, V Coy GARTH, Sp Coy FSB HELEN.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy H/SHOE, A Coy BRIGID, B Coy YS751664, C Coy NUI, DAT.
- (6) LCT. MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1), (3), (4) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions were conducted over areas: LONG HAI, NUI DINHS and West of NGAI GIAO. Themes of above 3 missions was CHIEU HOI.

b. RF Ops.

- (1) At 031100H at YS236686 RF operating in RSSZ with NHA BE ops contacted 13 VC resulting in 11 VC KIA and the remaining 2 VC KIA by Gunships. At 031230 2 further VC were KIA as they walked into previous contact area. Total result: 15 VC KIA.
- (2) At 031130H at YS277555 (LONG SON Is) 12 PF contacted 3-4 VC and engaged with SA. En returned fire and wdr NW after contact. Results: 1 civilian (HOI CHANH) with 12 PF Pl, WIA.
- (3) Prior to 031150H at YS441643, 302 RF located 2 tunnel systems, 2 bunkers and 2 holes nearby. Each tunnel was 25 ft long and had 5ft to 10 ft OHP. System had been used recently. Also located were 6 panji (steel) set in concrete blocks. System destroyed.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 38,000 square metres cleared.  
MCT. Nil operations.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil points.
  - b. Prevailing Winds. 270 deg at 05 knots
  - c. Temperature. 73.0 deg F.
  - d. Humidity. 87%.
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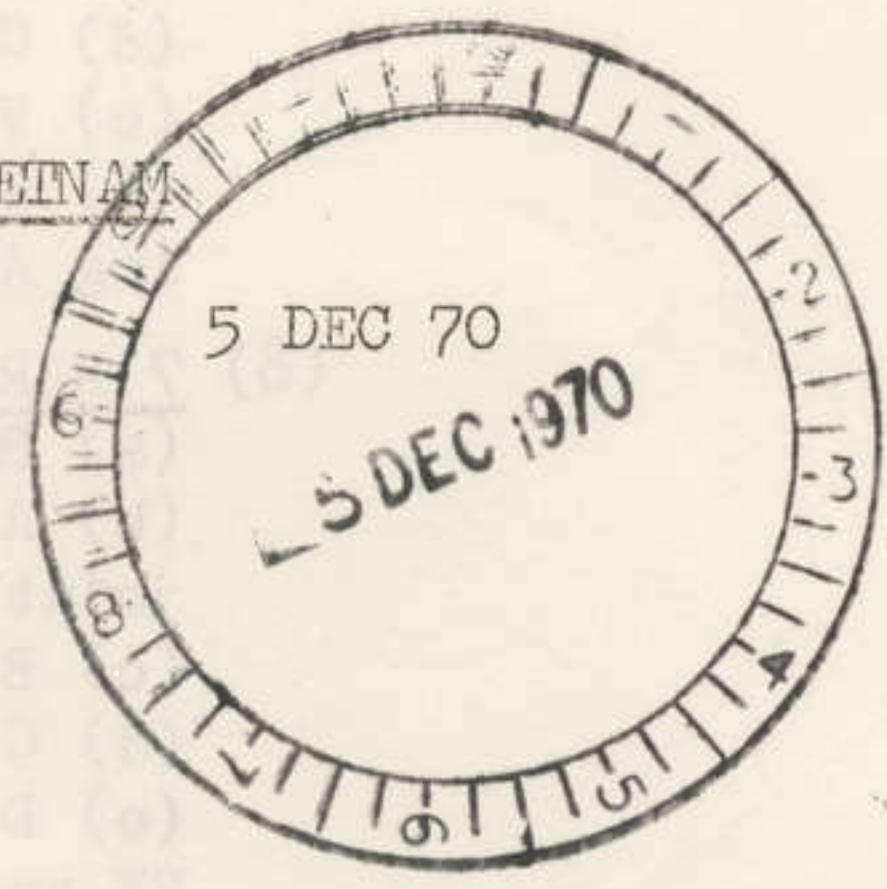
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a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR.  
HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Two sects returned from SAS Insertion.
  - (e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of engr parties on Route 2.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. / contact and 2<sup>nd</sup> H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
  - (a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELIISA and MCT vic BINH GIA.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and south from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.

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- (c) B Coy remained in area WEST of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
- (d) C Coy returned from stand down.
- (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in lie up posn.
  - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy deployed into TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained lie up posns in the LONG HAI's.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained HORSESHOE HILL. Elms ambush area by night.

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. Sp Coy deploys into PHUOC BUU area centre of mass YS6363.
- (2) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). C Coy returns from stand down.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Arm'd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS420656. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SQH, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB LE LOI.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BHQ, V Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. A Coy FSB MELISSA. B Coy FSB LE LOI. C Coy VUNG TAU.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy YS751664. C Coy YS583735.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 041600H at YS582740 8 Pl/ C Coy/7 RAR located a tunnel system. This system had a main chamber 25' x 12', two(2) corridors 10' long with 90 deg turn into the main chamber. The tunnel 8 ft OHP. There was only one entry point. Located inside the system was 500 rounds. .30 cal.
- (2) At 041745H at YS468896 TA84/ SHQ/B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine believed to be CHICOM 20 lb pressure electric. Results. Neg cas and only light damage to APC.
- (3) At 041943H at YS474717 Base Patrol/7 RAR were contacted by 5-10 VC from the North. Patrol fired claymores and en withdrew to NW. At 042200H VC once again contacted patrol with auto fire. Patrol eng with SA and en withdrew. At 042215H as patrol was moving West to link up with Ready Reaction Platoon which was being despatched from NUI DAT, the patrol was once again contacted by unk size VC firing a sustained burst of RPD and 1 RPG which all went overhead. The area of contact was engaged with both illumination and HE by artillery. Results. Neg Aust cas. En cas unk. Sweep to be conducted in the morning.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses Unk

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f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - Nil  
Platoon - Nil  
Squad - 1

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. As per para 1.d.(3).

(4) Results Unk

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions were conducted over areas E30-39, N62-72; E36-44, N78-87. Themes used were Benefits of Chieu Hoi and family appeals. Broadcast time 3 hours.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT. 40,000 square metres cleared.  
MCT. Nil Operations

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall .07 points

b. Prevailing Winds 226 deg at 05 knots

c. Temperature 78.3 deg F

d. Humidity 91%

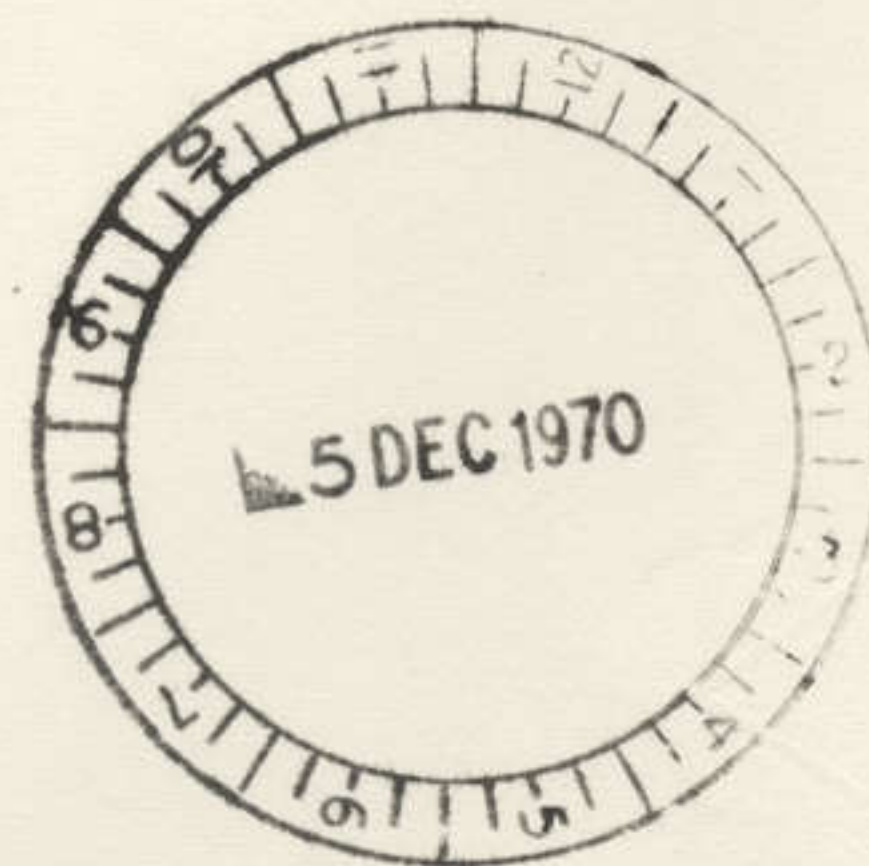
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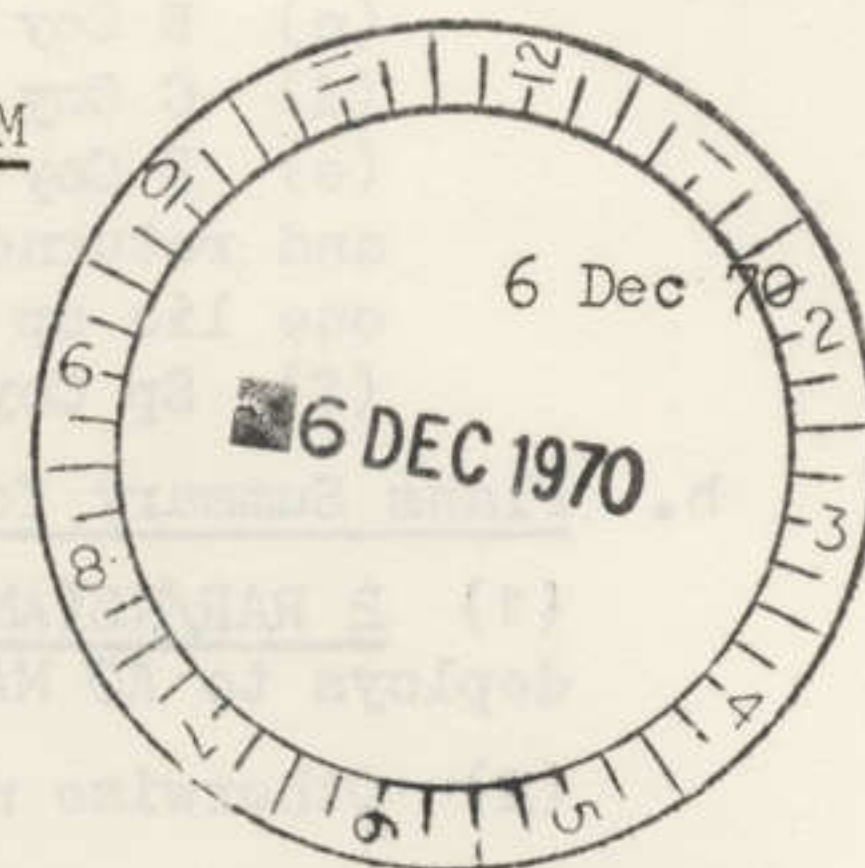
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(a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.

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(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area and lifted one pl to NUI DINHS by air.

(c) B Coy remained in area WEST of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.

(d) C Coy remained at NUI DAT.

(e) V Coy. Ambushed area East and West of HOA LONG, platoon inserted RUNG SAT, extracted 051530H.

(f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in three lie up posns.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained one lie up posn in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy deplcyed area PHOUJ BUU centre of mass YS6363.

b. Plans Summary for Period 060001H to 062400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). A Coy returns NUI DAT for HOA LONG ambushes. C Coy deploys to AO MANGO for LCT protection. V Coy remains NUI DAT for trg.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS420655, 2 Tp FSB MELISSA, 3 Tp NUI DAT and HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB LE LOI and XUYEN MOC, 2 Tp YS649613, YS635627, NDP BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp VUNG TAU.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT and FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty LE LOI.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy FSB MELISSA, B Coy FSB LE LOI, C and V Coys NUI DAT, Sp Coy NUI DAT with elms at FSB MELISSA and NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS774680, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP ISA.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 051200H at YS415785 5 Pl 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a pit system covering 50 X 30 metres and of rectangular shape. Two pits were 4 X 4 X 4 feet and six pits were 2 X 3 X 3 feet. System was one to two years old and not used for six months.
- (2) At 051600H at YS458892, elms from 17 Const Sqn operating in NDP GARTH, located a mine which was uncovered by a grader 10 feet off the road. The mine was of a VC local type and weighed 40lbs and with a pressure electric means of activation. It is believed to have been laid 12 months ago.
- (3) At 051923H at YS435891 elms from Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted two enemy who approached their AP from the North. Contact was initiated by friendlies resulting in one VC (KIA) and one VC (WIA). A sweep is to be conducted at first light.
- (4) At 051830H at YS439893, the patrol in sub sub para (3) above located a body in a shallow grave. The body is estimated to be seven to 10 days old. More information will be provided after a sweep is conducted at first light.
- (5) At 052330H at YS470891, another patrol from Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an estimated six to 10 enemy moving North, then South. The enemy approached the AP from the rear and contact was initiated by friendlies from a distance of 15 - 20 metres with small arms fire. Enemy were using torches and talking prior to the contact whilst they approached the ambush position. Nil friendly casualties. Results unknown and a sweep is to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses .
  - (a) Personnel. 1 VC (KIA), 1 VC (WIA) (poss)
  - (b) Materiel. Unknown.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice missions over areas E35-45, N76-88, E30-39, N62-72.
- (2) Ground Team operated with VIS in LONG LE.

b. Omitted.

- c. Engineering Operations. LCT: 35,000 sq metres.  
MCT: 800 sq metres, 23 M16 mines destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 236 deg at 02 knots.
- c. Temperature. 80.2 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 86%

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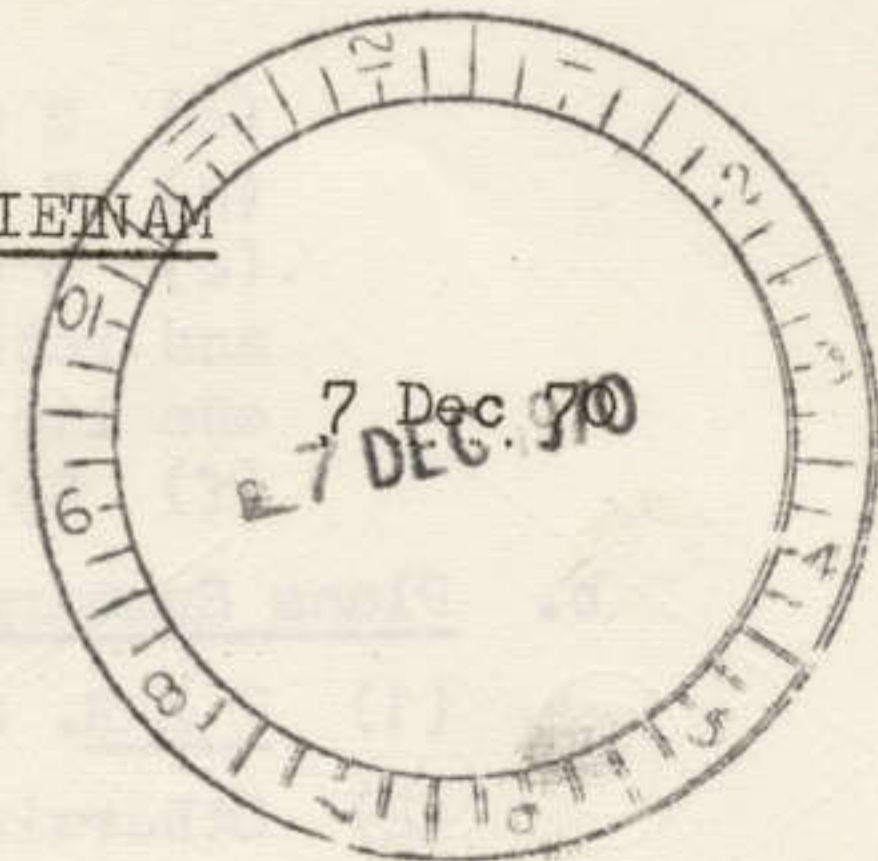
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT



Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 060001H to 062400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection LCT.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks. Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL.

(d) 3 Tp. Stand down.

(e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of engr parties on Route 2.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. contact and 55 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.

(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy returned to NUI DAT to assume ambushing HOA LONG.

(c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.

(d) C Coy deployed to AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(e) V Coy remained NUI DAT.

(f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in three lie up posns.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained one lie up posn in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy remained area PHUOC BUU centre of mass YS6363.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001H to 072400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. Sp Coy returns to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS422656, 2 Tp FSB MELISSA 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at XUYEN MOC, FSB LE LOI, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL with elms at NDP BRIDGID .
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA, NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB LE LOI.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT, B Coy FSB LE LOI, C Coy FSB MELISSA, Sp Coy ELms at NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS744680 C Coy YS583735, Sp Coy ELms at HORSESHOE HILL, ISA, BRIDGID, YS479619, YS506626.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Reference contact of elms from Sp Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) reported in SITREP 06 Dec 70 Para 1 d (3), the ptl conducted a sweep at first light on the 6 Dec and located a body. Result from contact therefore is now 2 VC KIA (BC) Both bodies dressed in blue trousers and dark blue shirts with docs found on one body. No weapons were located.
- (2) Reference second contact reported in SITREP 6 Dec 70 Para 1 d (5) a sweep was conducted by the ptl but with negative results.
- (3) At 060735H At YS537568, a CHICOM Anti tank mine of estimated 25-35lbs ... and set in the middle of the road, was activated by an ox, resulting in one civilian wounded and one ox injured. Ox had to be destroyed.
- (4) Reference the body found in a grave, as reported in SITREP 6 Dec 70, Para 1 d (4), the body was wearing ... clothing but no weapons or equipment were located in grave with it.
- (5) At 061200H At YS447647 A ptl from 10 Pl V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located an old tunnel partly cellapsed and another tunnel in perfect condition approx 12 meters away. The tunnel in good condition had a hole 3x4x7 feet deep at one end and the other end came out through old concrete foundations. Tunnel had 7ft OHP. Unable to determine age of systems. Both to be destroyed after 8 Dec 70.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel 1 (see para 1 d (1) above)

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Voice mission over areas E72-82 N66-76; E46-48 N49-55. Themes were message to illegal residents (farmers in area E of XUYEN MOC) and family appeal. Broadcast time 3 hrs.

b. RF Operations

Combined 7 RAR and RF APs in DAT DO District.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT 30,000 Sqmeters cleared  
MCT 1800 Sqmeters. 1 Slot completed and 1 Slot commenced - 5xM16 Mines destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail

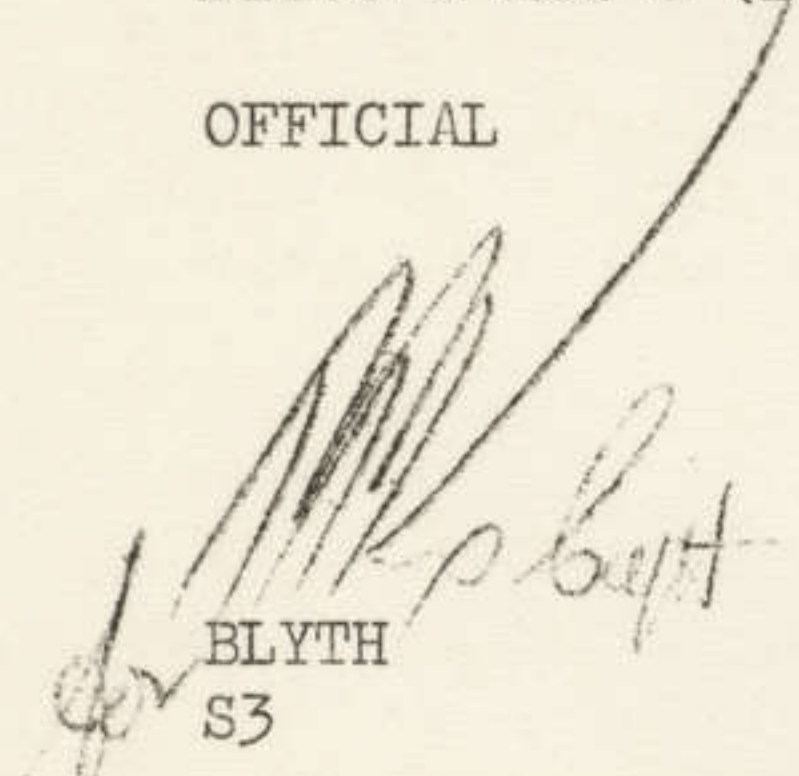
- a. Rainfall 27' points
- b. Prevailing Winds 202 deg at 03 knots
- c. Temperature 81.30 deg F
- d. Humidity 86%

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NUI DAT



Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report. (SITREP )  
From 070001H to 072400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection LCT
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks. Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Stand down.
  - (e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of Engr parties on Route 2 and at XUYEN MOC on local protection tasks.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. ~~Nil~~ contact and 4<sup>b</sup>H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centr of mass YS4278.
  - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOME on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained one lie up posn in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.

b. Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H Dec 70.

(1) No change.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - Nui Dat. 1 Tp - Nui Dat. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp - Nui Dat, HORSESHOE. 4 Tp - YS421657.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - Nui Dat. 1 Tp Nui Dat, NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA, XUYEN MOC, FSB LE LOI. 2 Tp HORSESHOE and BRIDGID. 3 Tp Nui Dat.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ - Nui Dat. 106 Fd Bty - Horseshoe. 107 Fd Bty - Sect Nui Dat, Sect FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty - FSB LE LOI.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ - Nui Dat. A Coy - YS403657. B Coy - FSB LE LOI. C Coy - FSB MELISSA. V Coy - Nui Dat. Sp Coy Elms at Garth.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ - HORSESHOE. A Coy - NDP BRIDGID. B Coy - YS774680. C Coy - YS583735. D Coy - Horseshoe. Sp Coy - Elms at ISA, BRIDGID, YS480617, YS518646 and HORSESHOE.

(6) LCT. MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. Nui Dat.

d. Contacts and Incidents. There were nil contacts and incidents and nil installations located.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Actions. (1) (3) (4) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions over areas E46-48, N49-55; E30-39 N62-74; E32-44, N74-88. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time 4½ hrs. Ground teams worked with VIS in LONG LE.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 15,000 Sq metres.  
MCT 2,400 Sq metre - 1 Slot Commenced.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 124 deg at 04 knots.

c. Temperature 78.8 deg F

d. Humidity 91%

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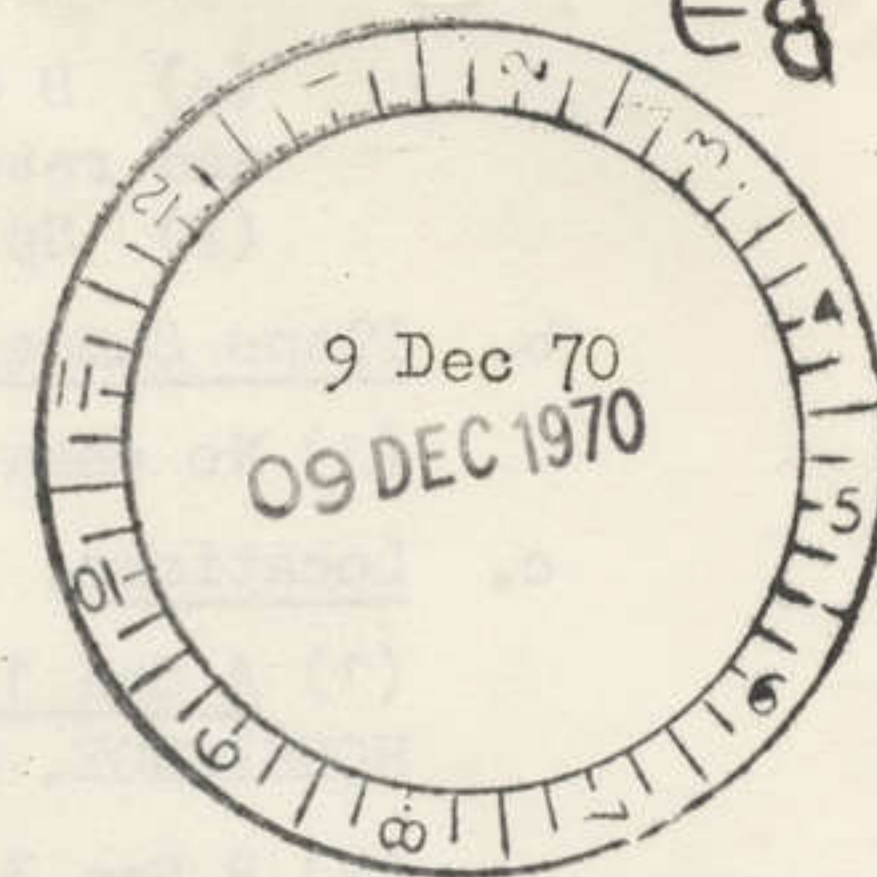
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Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 080001H to 082400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
- (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection LCT
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks. Sect XUYEN MOC. Sect at NDP GARTH and FSB MELISSA.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) 3 Tp. One sect on RRF.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 73 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
- (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. Part of one pl in lie up posn.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.

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(e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day,

(f) Sp Coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL, ambushing in depth by night.

b. Plans Summary for Period 090001H to 092400H Dec 70.

(1) No change.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE. 4 Tp YS423659.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp N/D with elms at GARTH, XUYEN MOC, LE LOI MELISSA. 2 Tp HORSESHOE & BRIDGID. 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty Sec MELISSA Sec NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty LE LOI.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. ACoy YS394656. B Coy LE LOI. C Coy MELISSA V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy Elms at MELISSA, GARTH, NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE. A Coy BRIDGID. B Coy YS774680. C Coy YS583735. D Coy HORSESHOE. Sp Coy Elms at ISA, BRIDGID HORSESHOE.

(6) LCT. MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

There were nil contacts, nil incidents and nil installations located.

e. Omitted.

f. (1,3,4) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Voice msns over areas E 46-68, N 49-54; E 30-40, N 62-74. Theme msg from ralliers and family appeal. Broadcast time 3 hrs.

Ground Teams worked with VMS in LONG LE and LONG DIEN.

b. RF Operations

RF elements continue to work in joint APs with patrols in LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 25,000 sq metres  
MCT 1 slot complete

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Trace points

b. Prevailing Winds 98 deg at 05 knots

c. Temperature 80.2 deg F

d. Humidity 79%

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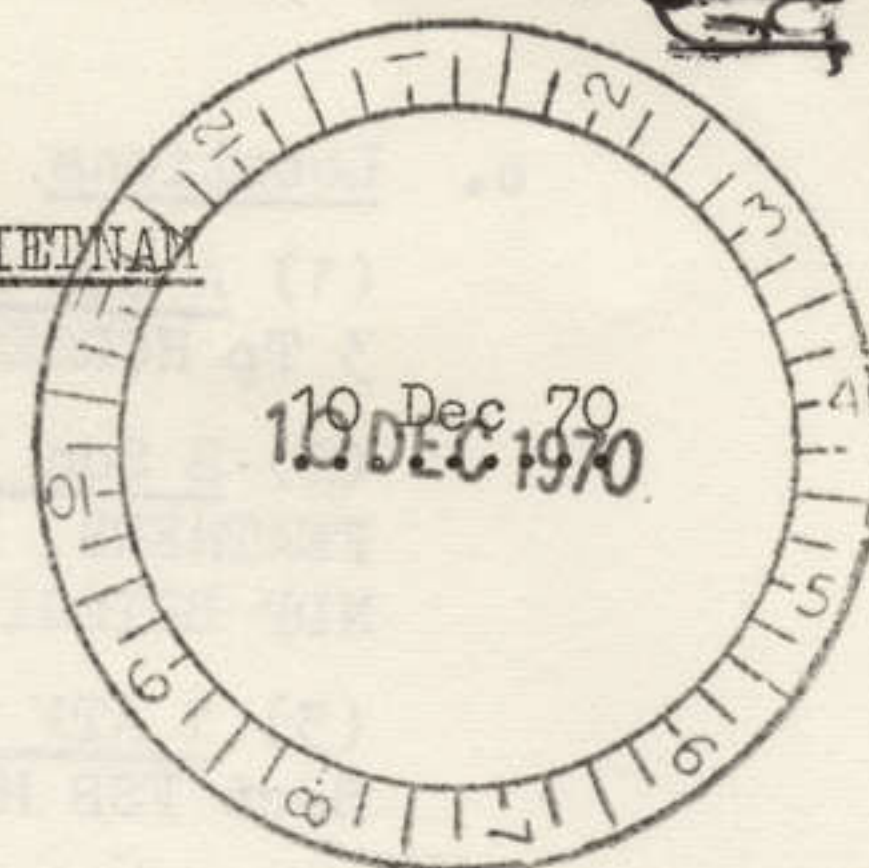
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From 090001H to 092400H Dec 70.  
To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operation Summary

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operatin TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF "eady Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
- (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ (NZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Sect deployed FSB ELAINE on local protection tasks. Sect XUYEN MOC. Sect at NDP GARTH and FSB MELISSA.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) 3 Tp. One sect on RRF. Elms deployed EAST of XUYEN MOC in sp B Coy 7 RAR.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. V/ contact and 18H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn Hq remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
- (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. Part of one pl in lie up posn.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy deployed to area North East XUYEN MOC to op in concert with B Coy.

b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H Dec 70.

- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt 2 Tp and 3 Tp swap roles. Sect to return from XUYEN MOC.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp FSB MELISSA, HORSESHOE HILL; 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL; 4 Tp YS406649.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC, FSB FEATHERS, FSB MELISSA; 2 Tp YS778680, HORSESHOE HILL; 3 Tp NUI DAT, YS446796, NDP BRIDGID.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT; 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL; 107 Fd Bty - Sect FSB MELISSA, Sect NUI DAT; 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHERS.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT; B Coy area of LE LOI; C Coy FSB MELISSA; Sp Coy FSB MELISSA, NDP GARTH, LE LOI.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; A Coy NDP BRIDGID; B Coy YS748702; C Coy YS583735; Sp Coy NDP ISA, FSB BRIDGID, YS747715 and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) (090705H) at YS534560 a ptl from 3/A/7 RAR detonated an M16 mine resulting in 2 friendlies being WIA. The mine was of US manufacture and of pressure activation. The mine was buried 6" below ground.
- (2) (090725H) at YS731694, 4/B/7 RAR contacted an estimated 20-30 en. En initiated the contact by firing 12x60mm mor rds into 4 Pl's loc. They then followed this up with a ground assault. En engaged by LFT from 9 Sqn RAAF and both aircraft received heavy ground fire. One aircraft forced down by ground fire but made controlled landing in YS7467. En broke contact and wdr West. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 friendlies WIA. 7 VC WIA (probable). Downed aircraft was recovered.
- (3) (091355H) at YS762699 and YS769700, B/7 RAR whilst conducting a sweep after contact with the en (para 1. d. (2) above) loc an extensive bunker system consisting of 90 bunkers covering an area 700x350 metres. Within the system were also 2 Anti-aircraft pits, 2 mor pits, 20 cooking spots, 4 wells. Bunkers had 2 ft OHP and opened E to W and NW. One third of the bunkers were 12 months old and some had not been rebuilt. Remainder of bunkers were of recent const and some were currently being constructed. Following items were located in the system: 20 rds 12.7mm A A MG, 4 sandbags of explosives, 1 RPG2 rd, 2xM79 CS rds, qty of docs, 2 new Gas Mask containers, 2 RF shirts. Position had been occupied by 80-100 VC until midday today and from observation of heavy blood trails there were 7 VC WIA (ref para (2) above). System to be destroyed.
- (4) (091600H) at YS338788, 8/C/2 RAR/NZ loc a bunker system 50x20 metres with 4 bunkers which had 24" OHP. Bunkers were 18 months old, had not been used for 6-12 months, and were in a very poor condition. No destruction needed.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel - 2 WIA
- (b) Material - 1 aircraft downed but recovered.

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel - 1 VC KIA (BC), 7 VC WIA (probable).
- (b) Material - See para 1. d. (3).

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions over areas E36-44, N78-87; E32-38, N62-72; E46-48, N49-54. Theme Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time 4½ hrs. Ground teams interviewed Hoi Chanh and worked with VIS in LONG DIEN.

b. RF Operations. Joint RF and 7 RAR APs in DAT DO and LONG DIEN Districts. Also B Sqn 3 Cav Regt elements are operating in XUYEN MOC area for protection with RF elements of RF compounds.

c. Engineering Operations - LCT - 25,000 sq metres.  
MCT - 3,000 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall - Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds - 071 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature - 78.4°F.

d. Humidity - 79%.

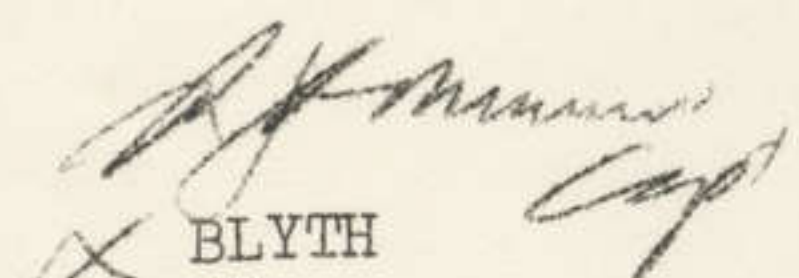
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II FForce V G5  
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SA 18 ARVN Div  
2/25 US Bde  
3 Bde 1st Air Cav  
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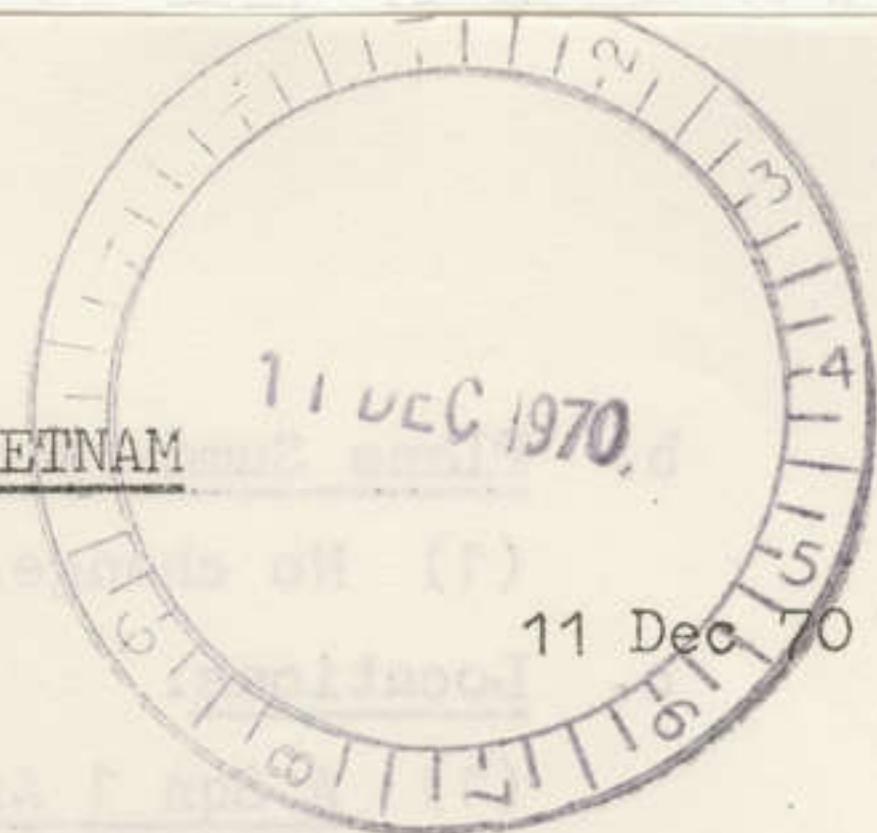
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT



Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 100001H to 102400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operation Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TOAR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 4 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection **LCT**
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) **SHQ** Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.  
**(+) 1 TP NUI DAT**
- (3) B Sqn 3 CAV Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks. Sect at NDP GARTH and FSB MELISSA.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Stand Down.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID and in sp B Coy elms 1 ATF RRF.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. **Nil** contact and **1/2** H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
  - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NACMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. Part of one pl in lie up **posn**.
  - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained to area **North** East XUYEN MOC to op in concert with B Coy.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 110001H to 112400H Dec 70.

(1) No change.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Arms Regt. SHQ YS401638, 1 Tp, 4 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp FSB MELISSA, 3 Tp HORSESHOE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, YS436908, FSB FEATHERS (YS710673), FSB MELISSA, 3 Tp YS474570.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE, 107 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHERS.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT, B Coy LE LOI, C Coy FSB MELISSA, Sp Coy. Elms GARTH, MELISSA, LE LOI and NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE, A Coy NDP BRIGID, B Coy YS748707, C Coy YS583735, Sp Coy ISA, BRIGID, YS728716.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Amendments to the SITREP of 10 Dec 70 para 1 d (3). Several further bunkers have now been located and the area of the system now extends over 1000 x 300 metres. A further 30 new bunkers have been located bringing the total now located to 120 bunkers.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Voice msns over areas E32-42, N73-83; E46-48, N49-54; E27-34, N68-77. Themes were messages from HOI CHANH and rally benefits. Broadcast time 5 hrs. Ground Teams worked with VIS in LONG DIEN and DAT DO and visited HOI CHANHS.

b. RF Operations. Joint RF and 7 RAR APs continue in LONG DIEN, DAT DO Districts.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT: 15,000 sq metres cleared.

MCT: 500 sq metres cleared, 1 slot completed and 1 slot dug.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil points.

c. Temperature. 78.4 deg F.

b. Prevailing Winds. 082 deg at 5 knots.

d. Humidity. 80%.

Distribution:

II FForce V G3 R&E  
CG 18 ARVN Div  
SA 18 ARVN Div  
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3 Bde 1st Air Cav  
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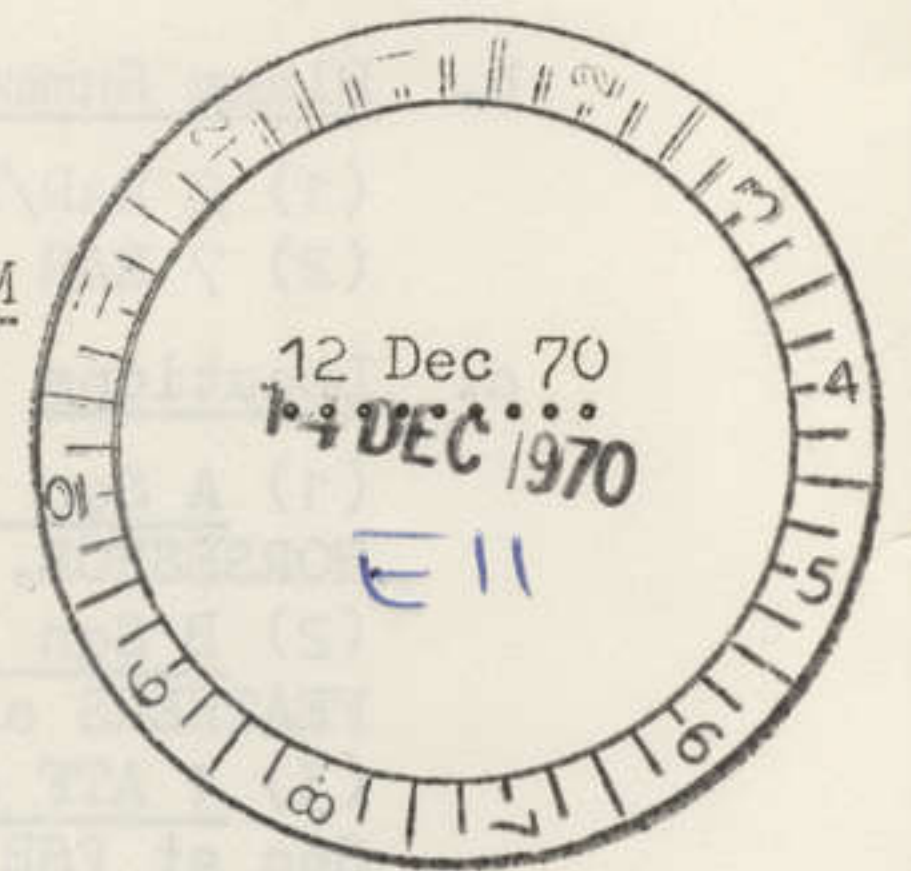
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT



Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 110001H to 112400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) ~~SHQ~~ 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Stand down.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID and in sp B Coy.
  - (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. ~~101~~ contacts and ~~35~~ H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
  - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
  - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained to area North East XUYEN MOC op in concert with B Coy.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 120001H to 122400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) - V Coy Stand Down.
- (2) 7 RAR - Sp Coy to return to HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp Sects at NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, FSB FEATHERS and FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp YS532613.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty Sec NUI DAT, Sec at FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHERS.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy LE LOI. C Coy FSB MELISSA. Sp Coy NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA, LE LOI and NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE. A Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy YS733693. C Coy YS583735. Sp Coy ISA, BRIDGID, YS770714 and YS785708.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. Duc Thanh.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS745705.

d. Contacts and Incidents

There were nil contacts and incidents and no installations located.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1), (3) and (4) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

No Psyops missions were flown.

b. RF Operations

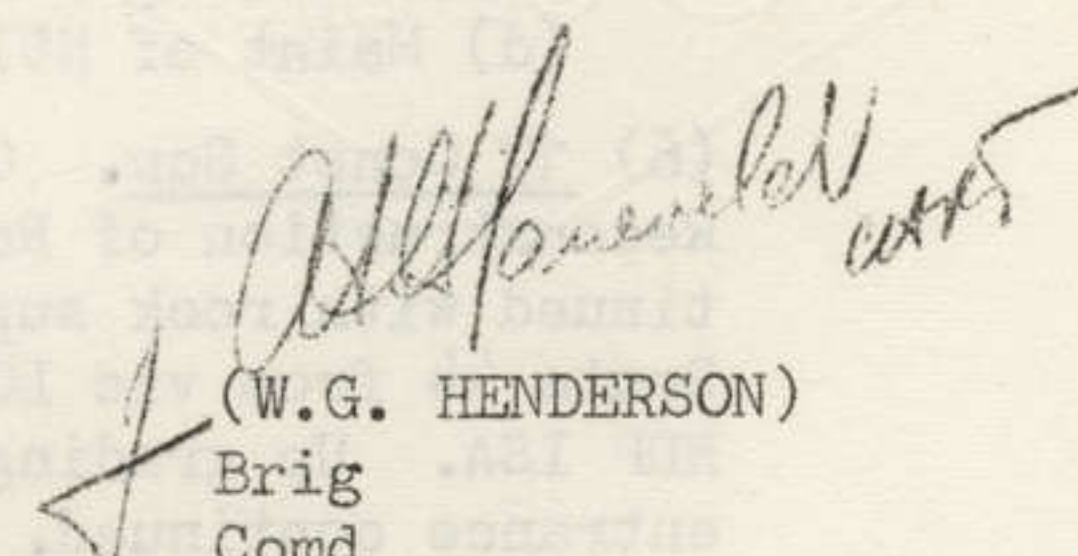
Combined 7 RAR/RF AP's continue in Long Dien and Dat Do Districts.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT - 50,000 sq metres cleared.  
MCT - 3,000 sq metres. 2 Slots completed.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall Nil points.
- b. Prevailing Winds 151 deg at 08 knots.
- c. Temperature 82.0 deg F
- d. Humidity 80%

  
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Distribution

II FForce V G3 R & E  
CG 18 ARVN Div  
SA 18 ARVN Div  
2/25 US Bde  
3 Bde 1st Air Cav  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

13 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 120001H to 122400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 2 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
- (c) 4 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection LCT
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 1 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) 2 Tp. Stand down.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elm at BRIDGID and in sp B Coy.
- (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contacts and 43 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
- (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.

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- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.

b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H Dec 70.

- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt - 2 Tp relieves 3 Tp.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp 409645. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA, Section NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHER.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NDP LE LOI. C Coy FSB MELISSA. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy YS 696684. C Coy YS 583735. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS 745705.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 121500H at YS 585636 pers from 17 Const Sqn unearthed an M16 mine whilst engaged in construction work. Mine was located on western side of bridge. Mine destroyed.
- (2) At 121645H at YS 457880 a Tip Truck from 17 Const Sqn detonated a 20 lb block CHICOM pressure mine as it was moving in a Southerly direction along Route 2. The mine was 6 inches below surface and 3 feet from edge of Route 2. The road had recently been filled and rolled. Results 1 Aust (WIA) 1 Tip Truck extensively damaged.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
  - (a) Personnel 1 Aust (WIA)
  - (b) Material 1 Tip Truck
- (2) Omitted

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT - 101,000 square metres were cleared.  
MCT - No operations.

3. Mereorological Detail

- a. Rainfall Nil points.
- b. Prevailing Winds 059 deg at 05 knots.
- c. Temperature 79.5 deg F.
- d. Humidity 71%.

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Distribution

11 FForce V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN Div 2/25 Bde  
11 FForce V G5 SA 18 ARVN Div 3 Bde 1st Air Cav  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

14 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commanders Situation report (SITREP)  
From 130001H to 132400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
11 Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 2 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
  - (c) 4 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIGID, HORSESHOE and B Coy.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Returned to NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
  - (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 4 contact and 62 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) B Coy remained in area west of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
  - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy Stand Down.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
  - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.

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- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (g) FSB FEATHERS CLOSES.

b. Plans Summary for Period 140001H to 142400H Dec 70.

(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

- (a) B Coy to move to NDP GARTH to relieve Sp Coy.
- (b) Sp Coy move to NUI DAT.
- (c) V Coy returns from stand down.

(2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS418651, 2 Tp YS418651, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NDP GARTH, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT Sect FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy FSB LE LOI, C Coy FSB MELISSA, V Coy NUI DAT, Sp Coy NDP GARTH.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS695651, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 130530H at YS752665, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged with claymores an area where trip flares were initiated. A sweep produced nil results.

(2) At 131520H at YS695561, B Coy 7 RAR found an RF shirt and a pistol holster on a fresh track made by about 20 pers wearing HO CHI MINH sandals. The track led SW of the location of the shirt and holster. Attempts are being made to identify the shirts owner.

(3) At 131610H at YS420762, a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a bunker 4 ft by 2 ft by 2 ft 6 ins with 12 ins OHP. It was about 1 year old, not used for 4 months and in poor condition. It has been destroyed.

(4) At 131915H at YS415653, a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) and 1 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted an estimated 12 VC whilst moving into their night locs. En was engaged by scout and returned fire with MG and RPG. One Aust slightly wounded by shrapnel. He remained on duty. En wdr west NW and North by fire and movement. A sweep revealed two blood trails leading west. Bushranger and Arty supported the contact and it is believed that ground fire was directed at bushrangers from YS390644. A further sweep is to be conducted.

(5) At 132230H 1/A/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) saw a group of 10-12 VC moving west at YS412650. En was engaged with SA and 90mm splinters. Sweep to be conducted first light.

e. Results

(a) Personnel

1 Aust IA.

Material Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 2 VC WIA (BT)

(b) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
- (2) Platoon - 1
- (3) Squad - 3

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- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Omitted.
- (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

- a. b. Omitted.
- c. Engineering Operations LCT 120000 Sq metres cleared  
MCT Omitted

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall Nil points
- b. Prevailing Winds 056 deg at 4 knots
- c. Temperature 83.5 deg F
- d. Humidity 70%

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Subject ; Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 140001H to 142400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
11 Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 2 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
  - (c) 4 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Remained NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID, HORSESHOE and B Coy.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Remained NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
  - (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 58 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Flant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) B Coy deployed to NDP GARTH to relieve Sp Coy in AO MICE.
  - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy returned from Stand Down.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Returned to NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
  - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5870.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
  - (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 150001H to 152400H Dec 70.

(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

- (a) V Coy deploys to area centre of mass YS 4178.
- (b) Sp Coy Stand Down.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms deploy for SAS ptl insertion and in sp V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS423655. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA/NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NDP GARTH. C Coy FSB MELISSA. Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy FSB BRIDGID. B Coy YS637612. C Coy YS583735.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Prior to 140405H at YS411647, a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted a small group of en. They were not engaged. NFI.

(2) At 141558H at YS640620, a member of B Coy 7 RAR detonated an M16 mine. Results. 1 Aust WIA.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel 1 Aust WIA

(b) Omitted

(2) Omitted

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 3

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-68; E46-48, N49-55; and centre of mass YS2468. Themes were anti-morale and Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time 4½ hrs.

(2) Ground Activity. Ground teams op in LONG LE District with VIS reps.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT 70,000 sq metres cleared

MCT 1 slot opened

4 M16 mines located.

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3. Meteorological Detail Omitted

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Subj: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 150001H to 152400H Dec 70.

To: Commanding General  
11 Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT,
- (b) 1 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG area by night.
- (c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. NDP MELISSA for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Remained on SAS insertion task.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID, HORSESHOE and B Coy.
- (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF, 2x Sect op con 2 RAR.
- (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 98 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrols in AO MICE.
- (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy remained deployed centre of mass YS4178.
- (f) Sp Coy. Stand down.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy remained HORSESHOE HILL, ambushing surrounds by night.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 160001H to 162400H Dec 70.

(1) 7 RAR.

(a) Sp Coy to relieve A Coy at NDP BRIDGID.

(b) A Coy returns to NUI DAT for Stand Down.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sect returns from SAS ptl insertion.

(3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS418655, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS748815, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA/NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NDP GARTH, C Coy FSB MELISSA, V Coy YS451764, Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS678580, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy YS497639.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Late Report.

At 140900 at YS459805 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a camp of circular shape 30 metres in diameter. Contained sleeping spaces for four to six persons. A large cooking fire located and a water point about 20 metres East of camp. Camp was one month old and last used about a week ago.

(2) At 150500H at YS469893, a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) heard voices approx 75 metres East of their AP. Also drum or bucket was heard to drop. Search at first light revealed four small gardens freshly tilled and watered. Also two small wells full of water.

(3) At 150900H at YS444766 a patrol from 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) picked up two females who were just out of civil access and had them taken to DUC THANH for questioning by National Police. Eventually released.

(4) Prior to 150950H at YS616615, 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR found a resting place for five VC. Resting place in trees above water. VC left leaving 25lb of rice, three packs, documents, medical equipment and several clips of AK47 rounds. VC withdrawal route unknown.

(5) At 151235H at YS452887 a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted four to six enemy wearing green and blue shirts and black trousers. Enemy withdrew North West. Follow up revealed two blood trails. Results: 2 VC WIA (BT), one AK 50, one CHICOM pistol, sleeping equipment, quantity of documents, three packs, one small pack, one pair leather boots, one pair gym boots CIA. Bushrangers from NUI DAT called in. Bushranger flew over a house and sighted a child carrying what appeared to be green clothes and hid them under some plants. Two by Tracker dog teams brought from XUAN LOC.

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Follow up by teams to house located a bunker system underneath the house. Home made hand grenade also located. Search continuing.

(6) At 151257H at YS625606 5 Pl B Coy 7 RAR contacted two enemy carrying weapons, but no packs. Enemy initiated contact from distance of 60 metres. VC withdrew. Results negative.

(7) At 151830H at YS431891, a patrol from 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted three to four people whilst they were setting up claymores. Pers ran into trees to their North when approached by patrol. Another six people were seen running after the first group. No weapons sighted.

(8) At 152110H at YS435890, the same patrol contacted nine plus VC. Patrol engaged with organic weapons. Enemy returned fire with AK 47 and RPG. Results: 9 VC KIA(BC), two rifles (type unknown) CIA. 2 Aust WIA. Elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt assisted with sweep of contact area.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 Aust WIA.

(b) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 9 VC KIA (BC) 2 VC WIA (BT).

(b) Materiel. One AK 50, two rifles (unk), one pistol and one grenade CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 3

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) and (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-68; E46-48, N49-55. Themes were Chieu Hoi appeals and anti-moral. Broadcast time three hours.

(2) Ground Activities. Ground teams broadcast news and information in LONG LE and DAT DO Districts.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. Omitted.  
MCT. One slot dug, eight mines located.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 300 deg at 04 knots.

c. Temperature. 80.6 deg F.

d. Humidity. 85%.

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Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
 From 160001H to 162400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
 II Field Force Vietnam  
 Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 2 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG area by night.

(c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. NDP MELISSA for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) SQN HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Returned from SAS insertion task.

(c) 2 Tp Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL and North of XUYEN MOC.

(d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF, 2x Sect op con 2 RAR.

(e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA and XUYEN MOC for local protection.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. No contact and 64H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued.

Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.

(c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrols in AO MICE.

(d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(e) V Coy remained deployed centre of mass YS4178.

(f) Sp Coy. Stand down.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (b) A Coy Stand down.
  - (c) B Coy continued patrolling in area South of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with plus one joint lie-up patrol.
  - (f) Sp Coy deployed to NDP BRIDGID and assumed A Coy tasks in area.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 170001H to 172400H Dec 70.
- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
    - (a) Sp Coy returns from Stand down.
  - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp and 2 Tp swap tasks.
  - (3) Otherwise no change.
- c. Locations
- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - NUI DAT. 2 Tp - 423653. 3 Tp - HORSESHOE. 4 Tp - FSB MELISSA.
  - (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - NUI DAT. 2 Tp 633775. 3 Tp - NUI DAT.
  - (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ - NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty - HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty - Sect NUI DAT, Sect - FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty - NUI DAT.
  - (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ - NUI DAT. A Coy - NUI DAT. B Coy - NDP GARTH. C Coy - FSB MELISSA. V Coy - 451764. Sp Coy - NUI DAT.
  - (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ - HORSESHOE. A Coy - NUI DAT. B Coy 711614. C Coy - 583735. D Coy - 506606. Sp Coy - FSB BRIDGID.
  - (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
  - (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
  - (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT
- d. Contacts and Incidents
- (1) Reference contact 152110H of 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in which it was reported that 9 VC KIA. It is now confirmed that there were 10 VC KIA.
  - (2) Late Report  
At 150945H at YS563576 2 Pl A Coy 7 RAR together with elements from B Sqn 3 Cav discovered a decomposed body. Cause of death of body unknown. Nearby were 2 Claymores and triggering devices. Did not appear to be booby traps.
  - (3) At 161030H at YS399673 a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a transit camp, diameter 30 metres. The system contained four sleeping places and two fireplaces, was 1 month old, last used two weeks ago and in poor condition. The system was destroyed.
  - (4) Prior to 161150H at YS468883 a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR contacted 3-6 enemy carrying weapons. Enemy withdrew South, 2 enemy running into bamboo. Bushrangers which were airborne at time were called in to assist and they suppressed area of bamboo. Patrol conducted sweep of bamboo and located sleeping places for up to 10-12 persons, cigarette pkt, fresh cut bamboo, 1 bottle, and some footprints were sighted.

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(5) At 161300H at YS468880, a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located 3 staging camps. One covering 30 by 30 metres, two covering 15 by 15 metres. Cache located outside perimeter of camp 18 in by 18 in by 6 ft. The system was 18 to 24 months old last used as a transit camp 2 to 3 days ago however two latrines and two cooking fires had been used today. Found were, One Mauser rifle, two grenades, qty plastic sheeting, two bags of sugar, and a letter. The system was destroyed.

e. Results

(1) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 1 VC KIA

(b) Material 1 Rifle, two grenades

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 2

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

(a) Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-68, E46-49, N49-55. Themes were Chieu Hoi and Rally Instr. Broadcast time 3 hrs.

(b) Omitted

(c) Engineering Operations LCT 45,000 sq metres cleared  
MCT 800 sq metres cleared

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 225 deg at 05 knots.

c. Temperature 78.2 deg F

d. Humidity 87%

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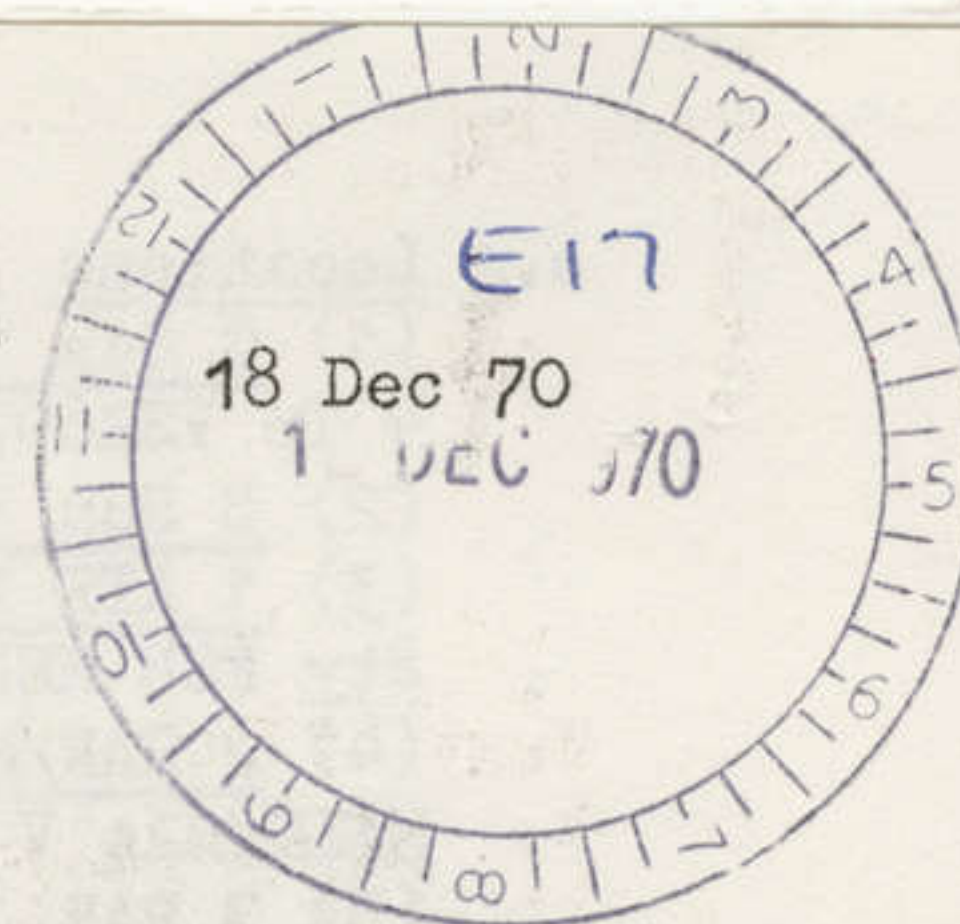
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To : Commanding General  
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Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
  - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
    - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
    - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
    - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
    - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
    - (e) 4 Tp. NDP MELISSA for local protection of LCT,
  - (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
    - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
    - (b) 1 Tp. Remained NUI DAT with one sect XUYEN MOC.
    - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIGID and North of XUYEN MOC.
    - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at GARTH, HORSESHOE, NUI DAT and op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in BINH BA area.
    - (e) Other elms with LCT in new loc at NDP LORRAINE (YS260765).
  - (4) 1 ATF Artillery. No contact, and 22H and I missions were fired.
  - (5) 1 Fd Sqn. (Maint of NUI DAT Base continued).
    - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
    - (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
    - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH. MCT commenced closing FSB MELISSA in prep for mov to LORRAINE (YS260765).
  - (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
  - (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
    - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
    - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night.
    - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrols in AO MICE.
    - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
    - (e) V Coy remained deployed centre of mass YS4178.
    - (f) Sp Coy. Returned from Stand Down.
  - (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
    - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
    - (b) A Coy. Stand Down.
    - (c) B Coy continued patrolling in area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
    - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
    - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
    - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing area Route 44 and continuing joint ptls with RF.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 180001H to 182400H Dec 70.
- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). V Coy returns to NUI DAT.
  - (2) Otherwise no change.

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp YS421654; 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL; 4 Tp YS260765.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp YS633775.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 161 NZ Fd Bty, Sect 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT; Sect 1 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT; B Coy NDP GARTH; C Coy FSB MELISSA; V Coy YS451764.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; A Coy VUNG TAU; B Coy YS696661; C Coy YS583735; Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) (171010H) at YS467879, a ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) loc a cache consisting of an ammo box containing 2 note books, qty rubber strips, 2 pieces of plastic sheeting. Cache was about 12 months old and last visited 1-2 months ago.
- (2) (171415H) at YS445811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) loc a bunker system covering 50x50m. There were 3 bunkers, one 12ftx3ft with 24-36 ins OHP. Found were: empty penicillin containers, a letter and qty rice husks. The system was about 6 mths old, last used about 2 days ago, and in a fair condition. It is to be destroyed.
- (3) (171600H) at YS452811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) loc a camp covering 70x50metres. There were 15 hammock spaces. The camp was about 3 months old, last used 7 days ago and in good condition. Nothing to destroy.
- (4) (171907H) at YS462887, a ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) contacted 8-9 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA, one M1, one M79, qty M79 rds, one pack CIA. Elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt supported.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel - 2 VC KIA.
  - (b) Material - One M79, one M1, qty M79 rds.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1; Platoon - 1; Squad - 3.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

- a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions were conducted over the NUI DINHS, and West of DUC THANH. ICAP conducted at HOI MY.
- b. RF Operations. At 171130H at YS456650, 946 RF Coy loc a tunnel system capable of holding a platoon. Found were 7 cooking pots, a water pot and two rice bowls. The system was destroyed.
- c. Engineering Operations. LCT - Nil. MCT - 3000 square metres cleared. 54xM16 mines, 10x105mm HE, 3x105mm Illum located.

3. Meteorological Detail


- a. Rainfall - Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds - 135 deg at 5 knots.
- c. Temperature - 78.8°F.
- d. Humidity - 77%.

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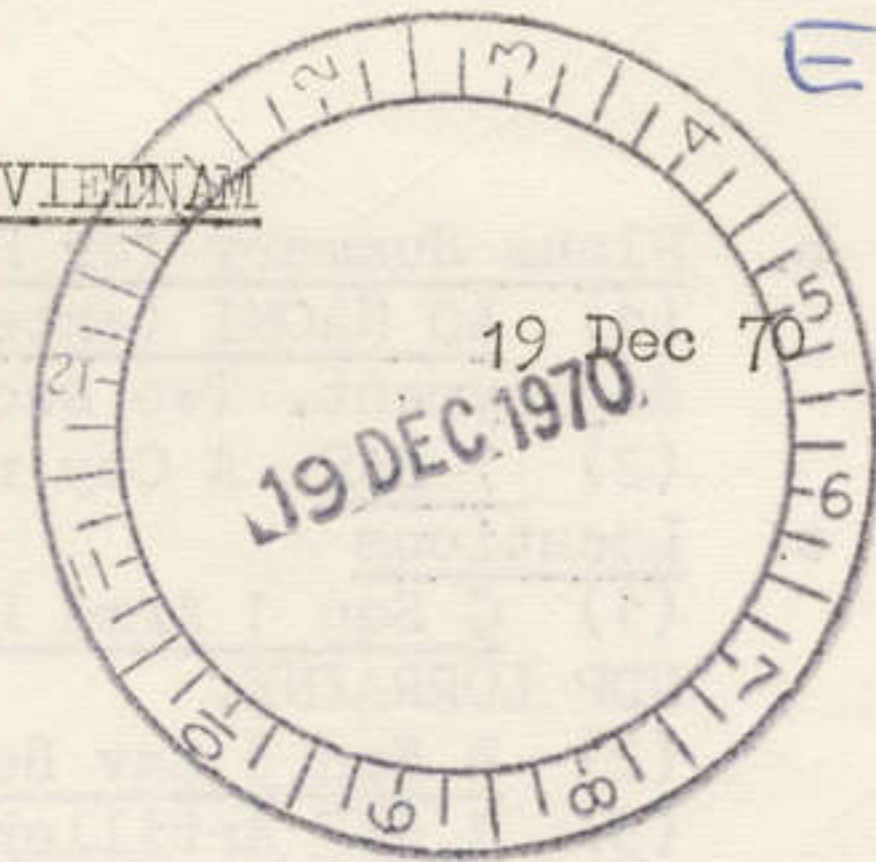
  
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Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 180001H to 182400H Dec 70

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Remained NUI DAT with one sect XUYEN MOC.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and North of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL, and NUI DAT.
- (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. *NIL* contact and 4-6 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH. MCT moved to NDP LORRAINE
- (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled in AO MICE.
- (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy commenced ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy. Stand Down.
- (c) B Coy continued patrolling area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
- (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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- b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 192400H Dec 70.  
(1) AO NAOMI (extended) FSB RAGLAN opens vic YS609873 with 161 NZ Fd Bty deployment. Two sects Cav in loc.  
(2) 7 RAR. A Coy returns from Stand Down.
- c. Locations  
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS424652, 3 Tp HORSESHOE, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.  
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS624782.  
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL.  
(4) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NDP GARTH, C Coy NDP LORRAINE.  
(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy VUNG TAU, B Coy YS715655, C Coy YS583735, Sp Coy NDP BRIGID.  
(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.  
(7) MCT. DUC THANH  
(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.
- d. Contacts and Incidents  
(1) At 180315H GARTH reported a burst of machine gun firing from vicinity of GS 441904. NFI.  
(2) At 180900H at YS462887 the patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR which had the contact last ni conducted a search this morning and located a grave which had a coffin in which a body of a 13 yr old girl lay. Cause of death was GSW. Also in coffin was dress she was wearing at time of being shot i.e. black shirt and green trousers.  
(3) At 181535H at YS457887 the mine clearing tank from 1 Fd Sqn detonated a mine est to be 10 lb of Chicom explosive. Minor damage was caused to the vehicle. At 181410H in the same loc, a US Army veh detonated a mine consisting of an RPG head. Vehicle suffered a deflated tyre.  
(4) At 181847H a voice aircraft was fired upon from vic YS480510. No damage caused to aircraft and mission completed without further incident.  
(5) At 181845H at YS446890 a ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 1 VC. Negative results.
- e. Results  
(1) Omitted.  
(2) Enemy Losses. 1 VC KIA
- f. Small Unit Actions.  
(1) Company - 1, platoon - 1, squad - 2.  
(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.  
(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. One.  
(4) Results. 1 VC KIA
2. Combined Operations  
a. Psychological Operations  
(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E36-42, N72-78; E46-48, N49-55. Themes were benefits of Chieu Hoi and rally appeals. Broadcast time 3 hrs  
(2) Ground Activity. Ground teams op in XUYEN MOC and DAT DO Districts on news and information dissemination.  
b. RF Operations. At 181645H at YS264558 617 RF Coy and 12 PF Pl contacted an est squad of VC. Bushrangers supported. Results: 10 VN detained.  
c. Engineering Operations. MCT. 4,000 sq mtrs cleared, 5xM16, 2xM14 mines detonated.
3. Meteorological Detail  
a. Rainfall Nil points  
b. Prevailing Winds 176 deg at 5 knots  
c. Temperature 81.2 deg F  
d. Humidity 78%

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20 Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 190001H to 192400H Dec 70

To ; Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqb 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. remained NUI DAT with one sect XUYEN MOC, and sect at FSB RAGLAN.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID TAN RU and FSB RAGLAN.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL, and NUI DAT.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. *N/I* contact and  $\frac{5}{4}$  H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH. MCT moved to NDP LORRAINE
  - (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RA/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.
  - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy commenced ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area.
  - (c) B Coy continued patrolling area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 200001H to 202400H Dec 70.

(1) AO NAOMI (extended). FSB RAGLAN opens vic YS609813 with 161 NZ Fd Bty deployment. Two sects Cav in lbc.

(2) 7 RAR. A Coy deploys into AO NAOMI

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS410656, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, FSB RAGLAN and NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS603764, YS620311 and NDP BRIDGID, 3 Tp NUI DAT, GARTH, YS457895.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 1 Gun at FSB BRIDGID, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN (YS609809).

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NDP GARTH, C Coy NDP LORRAINE, V Coy NUI DAT, Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS721656, C Coy YS 583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) There were nil contacts with 1 ATF elements.

(2) At 190845H at YS457887, a section of Cavalry from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, located an anti vehicle mine containing 10lbs of explosive comprised of aerial bomb clippings. Destroyed.

f. (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

There were two voice missions today, over the NUI DINHS and south of BINH GIA. Themes were messages from Hoi Chanh and anti-morale.

b. RF Operations

Combined 7 RAR and RF APs continue to operate in DAT DO and LONG DIEN Districts.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT 100,000 sq metres. MCT 1800 sq metres cleared 1xM16 mine destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing winds 132 deg at 05 knots.

c. Temperature 79.9 deg F

d. Humidity 66%

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21 Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 200001H to 202400H Dec 70

TO ; Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op Con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID, TAN RU.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL and Op con D & E Pl in XUYEN MOC, AO.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 65 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at GARTH.
  - (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night. Pl 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.
  - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection. 7 Pl Op Con A Coy.
  - (e) V Coy commenced ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area.
  - (c) B Coy continued patrolling area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 210001H to 212400H Dec 70. No Change.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS410656, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB LORRAINE, YS457894, NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, FSB RAGLAN, 2 Tp YS619764 NDP BRIDGID and FSB RAGLAN, 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, YS552618, YS491656.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty FSB LORRAINE, Sec NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN, C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, C Coy FSB LORRAINE, V and Sp Coys NUI DAT,

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy YS670827, B Coy YS721656, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. FSB LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. Duc Thanh

(8) D & E Pl YS552618.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Between 191915H and 200400H at YS468889 a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted a series of lights approaching from East. Lights split into 3 groups with one group remaining at above grid whilst one group moved North 200 metres, then West 500 metres. Third group moved South 200 metres and then West 500 metres. At day light on 20th patrol investigated area of lights and at YS465687, located a clear area 2 ft diameter with a cross marked in earth in centre. Possible mortar baseplate.

(2) At 201600H at YS617620, the D & E Pl located a 12 gallon tin full of polished rice. Estimated that tin had been in posn about 6 months and had been partly dug up recently. Rice in good condition. Rice destroyed.

(3) At 201643H at YS423888 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 1 En, wearing green shirt and black trousers and carrying AK47, En app from NW and then moved SE across creek. Contact initiated by AP resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 x AK47, 2 magazines, US Compass, plastic wallet and docs, packet containing salt, rice and coffee, US pattern belt and carrier CIA.

(4) At 202020H at YS469889, a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 2 groups of en. First gp, strength unk approached AP from SE and AP initiated contact, This group returned fire with AKs and Claymore type weapons. During contact, AP was engaged by approx 10, en from NE. Cavalry elements from GARTH reacted into contact area and conducted a sweep, with illum from flareship. Neg results with further sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 1 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Material 1 AK 47, 2 mags, US compass, Plastic wallet and docs pack containing salt, rice and coffee, US pattern web belt and carrier.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) and (3) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRFs Deployed.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Leaflet Drop Conducted and targeted over area E35-36, N64-67. Themes were messages from Hoi Chanh and Chieu Hoi benefits.

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b. RF Operations

Continue joint 7 RAR and RF APs in Long Dien and Dat Do Districts.

- c. Engineering Operations LCT 90,000 sq metres cleared  
MCT 6000 sq metres, and 2 slots cleared.

3. Metereological Detail

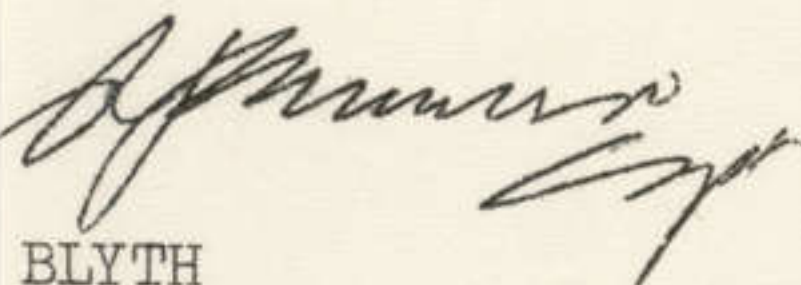
- a. Rainfall nil points.  
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d. Humidity 60%

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22 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).  
From 210001H to 212400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID, and North of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL and Op con D & E Pl in XUYEN MOC AO.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDPs LORRAINE and GARTH.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. contact and H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at NDP GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
  - (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night. Pl 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.
  - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection. 7 Pl Op con A Coy.
  - (e) V Coy remained ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area.
  - (c) B Coy continued patrolling area East of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for period 220001H to 222400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). A Coy stand down.
- (2) 7 RAR. B Coy to return to NUI DAT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms on SAS insertion in MAY TAO area.
- (4) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS417654. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, NDP LORRAINE, NDP GARTH and FSB RAGLAN. 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, FSB RAGLAN. 2 Tp YS611679, YS604675, NDP BRIDGID. 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NDP GARTH. C Coy NDP LORRAINE. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS671827. B Coy YS708668. C Coy YS576681. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 211540H at YS467885 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a hole 12" by 12" by 6'. Found in hole was 1 SKS in fair condition and 1 empty ammo box. At bottom of hole were 2 tunnels, one 6' long 3' high and 12" wide. The other was 18" by 18", length unknown.
- (2) At 211400H at YS231737, 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a bunker 6' by 3' by 3' with 12" OHP. Estimate bunker to be 1 week old and last used 2 hrs previously. A north/south track ran through area. A small qty of food located in bunker.
- (3) At 211415H at YS231743 a further patrol from 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a cache about 3'x4' and above ground. Cache contained 11 bags of rice and had been in position 6 months. Estimate last used 2-12 hrs previously.
- (4) At 211216 at YS480513 a Sioux Helicopter from 161(Indep) Recce Flt was hit by groundfire and force landed in RF compound in GS4649. No injuries to pilot or passenger. Aircraft recovered.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- a. Omitted
- b. Material 1 helicopter (recovered)

(2) Enemy Losses

- a. Omitted
- b. Material See para 1.d.(1),(2) and (3) above.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E46-48, N49-55; E32-38, N62-68; E52-57, N69-75; E35-42, N74-80. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 5½ hrs.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted and targeted over area E57-59, N75-79. Themes were Chieu Hoi and divisive. 200,000 leaflets were dropped.

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(3) Ground Activity. Ground teams op in DAT DO and LONG LE Districts on news and information dissemination.

- b. RF Operations. Joint 7 RAR and RF ambushes in LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.
- c. Engineering Operations LCT 120,000 sq metres cleared.  
MCT 1200 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall: Nil points.
- b. Prevailing Winds: 189 deg at 05 knots.
- c. Temperature: 79.0 deg F.
- d. Humidity: 66%.

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23 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).  
From 220001H to 222400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. ELms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL and an SAS insertion in NUI MAY TAO area.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDPs LORRAINE and GARTH.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 105 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at NDP GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
  - (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night Pl 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.
  - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy remained ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS 6782.
  - (c) B Coy Stand Down.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5874.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for period 230001H to 232400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). V Coy deploys to NDP GARTH. B Coy returns to NUI DAT and assumes ambushing HOA LONG.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms return from SAS insertion.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS417654. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, GARTH, LORRAINE, YS461887, RAGLAN. 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, RAGLAN. 2 Tp NUI DAT, HORSESHOE HILL, YS475571, BRIDGID, YS493655. 3 Tp YS808949, GARTH, NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy VUNG TAU. B Coy NDP GARTH. C Coy NDP LORRAINE. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS657832. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS577681. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy FSB BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) During the contact at PHUOC THANH village, at 220030H at YS479598, supporting fire was provided by 106 Fd Bty RAA and illumination was provided by aircraft from 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
- (2) At 220814H at YS457887, the mine clearing tank operated by 1 Fd Sqn RAE, detonated a 10 lb CHICOM mine. Results nil damage to tank and rollers damaged.
- (3) At 221000H at YS258754, 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, located a bunker system in the area of the Land Clearing Team operations. There were 3 pits 8'x3'x4'. System about 5 yrs old, not used for 5 years and was destroyed. Also found was an inert 6 inch French Naval shell and 30 metal containers for shaped charges.
- (4) At about 221215H at YS439631, a patrol from 1 ARU located a small tunnel system. No further info available.
- (5) At 221230H at YS628649, 1 Sect, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, located a tunnel complex covering 50x10 metres, running parallel to LTL 23. There were 2 storage bays, 3'x3'x7' and 3'x3'x7' and 2 shell scrapes 3'x3'x2'. The tunnel was 82' long with 5' OHP. The system, 6-9 months old and last used 2-4 weeks ago and still in good condition
- (6) At 211620H at YS376721, a patrol from 1 ARU located a staging camp, 100 metres long, along a river bank. There were 30-40 pits with no OHP. The system was about 2 weeks old, last used 2 weeks ago, and was in good condition. 6 medical phials, a small quantity of US eqpt, 203x.50 cal rds, 2xICM bomblets, (possibly from 155mm shell), and 2 letters were located.
- (7) At 221620H at YS789937 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt were attacked by 3 VC firing automatic weapons. Cavalry returned fire and supporting infantry elements swept area after en had withdrawn to East. 2 blood tracks were followed and 1 AK47, 1 pack and 2½ bags of explosives were CIA. Nil Aust casualties and enemy casualties 2 WIA (BT).
- (8) At 221715H at YS470896, an APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a 20-30 lb CHICOM mine which had been laid at the side of an old APC track. Vehicle slightly damaged but no personnel injured. Vehicle recovered.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel Omitted
- (b) Material See para 1 d (8) - Vehicle recovered.

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(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel Unknown, but probably 2VC WIA (BT)

(b) Material See para 1 d (7)

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Omitted

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Omitted

(4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Voice missions over areas E 46-48N 50-53, E 35-42 N 74-80, E 48-56 N 66-72.

100,000 leaflets dropped in Northern part of Long Hais.

Ground teams worked with VIS in Long Le and Dat Do. ICAP at Ben Cay(YS376582).

b. RF Operations

Joint APs with 7 RAR and RF in Long Dien and Dat Do Districts continue.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 110,000 sq metres cleared.

MCT Mission completed. 60xM16 and 20x105 HE destroyed by demolition. Only work left is to remove all signs.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 225 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature 79.4 deg F

d. Humidity 77%

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24 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 230001H to 232400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL. Elms returned from SAS insertion in NUI MAY TAO area.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDPs LORRAINE and GARTH.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. / contact and 83 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at NDP GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
  - (d) Maint at NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained on Stand Down.
  - (c) B Coy returned to NUI DAT and assumed ambushing HOA LONG.
  - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
  - (e) V Coy deployed to NDP GARTH and assumed AO MICE.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS 6782.
  - (c) B Coy Stand Down.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5874.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 240001H to 242400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). C Coy returns from LCT protection in AO MANGO, replaced by Sp Coy. A Coy deploys into NUI DINH MTNS.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms to protect Dusters.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp, NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE. 1 Tp YS417654.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, NDP LORRAINE, YS460894, FSB RAGLAN. 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, FSB RAGLAN, NDP GARTH. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, YS489650, YS512557. 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. A Coy VUNG TAU. C Coy NDP LORRAINE. V Coy NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS646826. C Coy YS577681. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS380660.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Between 222200H and 230330H at YS461887, a Section from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted lights and detected movement around their ambush position. Enemy stayed out of claymore range and although no lights were seen after 230330H movement was heard for the rest of the night.
- (2) At 231100H at YS627649, 1 Sect, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a tunnel and storage complex, 30 metres by 5 metres in area. The tunnel was 30 metres long, 3 ft wide and 5 ft 6ins high. The storage section was 6 ft long, 3 ft wide and 3 ft high. Complex had 5 ft OHP. The system was six to nine months old and last used two to four weeks ago and in excellent condition.
- (3) At 231430H at YS658834, 3 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located a grave containing a body. It is believed that this body was from a contact with SAS elements on the 22 Nov 70.
- (4) At 231640H at YS752854, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located six sets of footprints which were less than 12 hrs old. Footprints went from West to East. Cav elements followed tracks but with no results.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel 1 body located in grave. (Para 1.d.(3) refers.)
  - (b) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.
- (3)(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E46-48, N49-54; E48-56, N68-74; E52-59, N55-61. Themes were Chieu Hoi and divisive. Broadcast time 4½ hours.

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(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted and targeted over area E44-46, N53-57. Themes were messages from Hoi Chanh and anti-morale. 200,000 leaflets were dropped.

(3) Ground Activity. Ground teams gathered sociological intelligence in LONG LE and DAT DO Districts.

b. RF Operations

Continued joint 7 RAR and RF APs in the LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.

c. Engineering Operations LCT. 120,000 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall 0 points

b. Prevailing Winds 95 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature 73.1 deg F

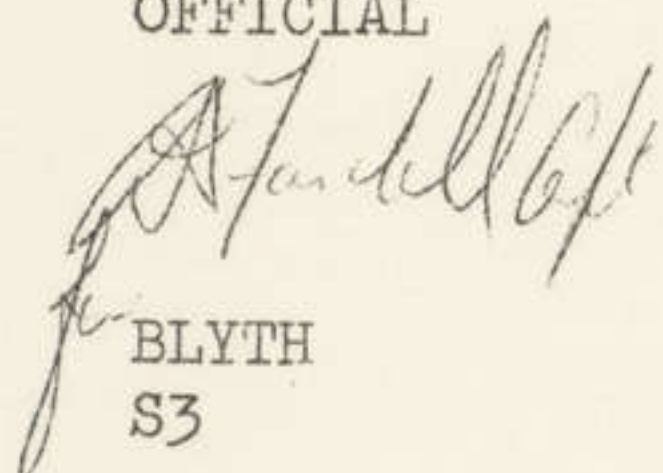
d. Humidity 73%

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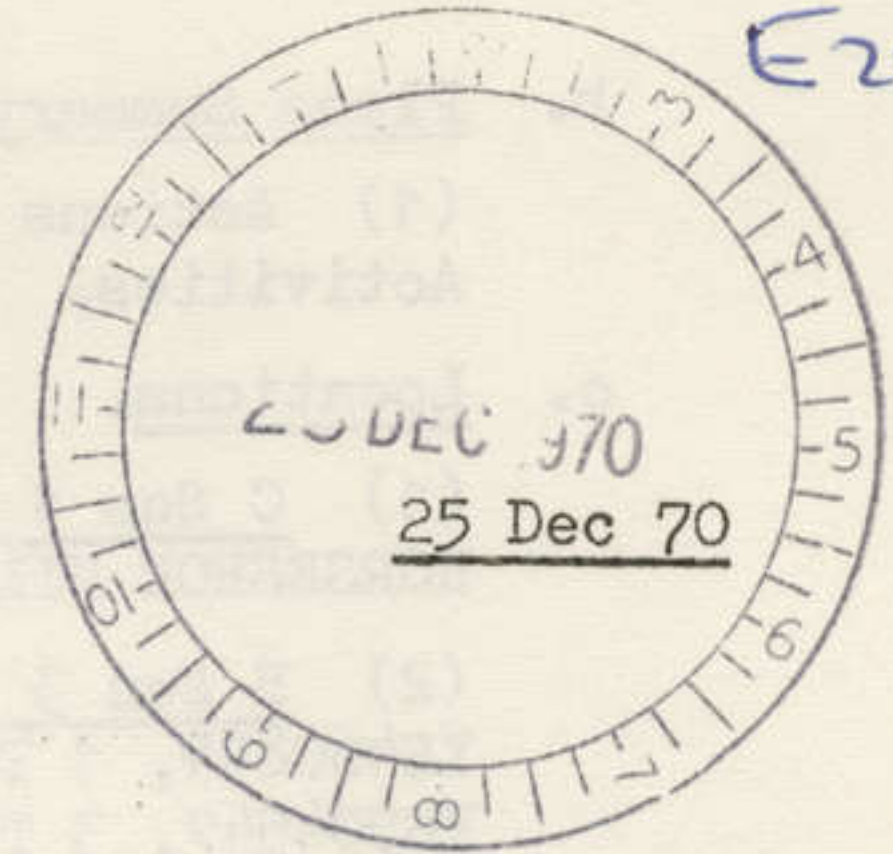
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**Subject:** Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 240001H to 242400H Dec 70.

**To:** Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.

(c) 4 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.

(d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. / contact and 4 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Re-construction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWIC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy deployed into NUI DINH MNTS, centre of mass YS3566.

(c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.

(d) C Coy returned to NUI DAT for retraining.

(e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.

(f) Sp Coy. Deployed to AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.

(c) B Coy Stand Down.

(d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.

(e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF.

(f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 252400H Dec 70.

(1) Actions restricted by conditions of Temporary Ceasation of Hostile Activities.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ and 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS412655, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN, YS460894, 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, FSB RAGLAN, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, YS492650, YS504547, 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN, C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348642, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy NUI DAT, V Coy NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy YS650826, B Coy Stand Down, C Coy YS576682, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. YS308697.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Late Report. At 231300H at YS650826, a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located a camp, 100 metres by 200 metres. Camp contained 20 shanty type dwellings with beds and fire places. There were two trenches with collapsed OHP, a CP with two exit tunnels, and 12 bunkers varying L and T shaped. Bunkers had 18 inches OHP. System about three to four years old, in fair condition and last used about one month ago. Also located were two AK47 bayonets in bad condition and numerous cooking utensils.

(2) Late Report. At 232015H at YS458894 a B Sqn 3 Cav Regt ambush position operating out from NDP GARTH sighted three lights, one from the South and two from the South East. Light approached to within 300 metres of ambush position and remained in that position until 240130 hrs. Sweep conducted at first light with negative results.

(3) At 240022H at YS446678, one of the bunkers to the South East of the 1 ATF Base Defence area detected movement on their wire. Coys in the immediate area were stood to and illumination fired. Movement continued until about 240215H.

(4) Prior to 241035H at YS480513 a Sioux helicopter of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt was fired at by ground fire. No damage to aircraft.

(5) At 241330H at YS308697, the D and E Pl of HQ Coy 1 ATF located four green fragmentation grenades under a rock. Grenades were old and had been in location for some time.

(6) At 241630H at YS359647, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a marked bamboo stick, approx 15 inches long, across a North-South track. Stick marked with reference to an enemy unit on one side and Chinese writing on the other side.

(7) At 241900H in Grid Square YS4851, a fixed wing aircraft of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt, was fired at by ground fire. Aircraft flying at an altitude of 3,300 feet at a speed of 50 knots. No damage received by aircraft.

(8) At 242030H at YS504543, a patrol from Sp Coy 7 RAR in a defensive position protecting a static installation, sighted two enemy approaching their position from the West. Enemy approached to within six to ten feet before patrol fired a defensive claymore. No small arms were fired and enemy withdrew to the West. Nil casualties to enemy or Aust.

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e. Results. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact.

2 KIA (POSS) by SAS.

2 KBA (POSS) by Airstrikes.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E35-42, N72-78, E46-54, N64-72, E46-48, N49-54. Themes were anti-morale and Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time four hours.

b. RF Operations. Joint 7 RAR and RF ambush positions continue in Long Dien and Dat Do District.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 150,000 Sq Metres cleared.  
MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 092 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature. 77.2 deg F.

d. Humidity. 68%

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

26. Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 250001H to 252400H Dec 70.

To: Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. — contact and 70 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Re-construction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MNTS, centre of mass YS3566.
  - (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night, within restrictions of Xmas Truce.
  - (d) C Coy remains to NUI DAT for retraining.
  - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Deployed to AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
  - (c) B Coy Stand Down.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF, within restrictions of Xmas Truce.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF, within restrictions of Xmas Truce.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 260001H to 262400H Dec 70.

(1) No change except for end of Xmas Truce.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - NUI DAT. 2 Tp - YS395629. 3 Tp - HORSESHOE. 4 Tp - NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - XUYEN MOC, FSB RAGLAN, NDP LORRAINE, NUI DAT. 2 Tp - NUI DAT, YS 510557, YS 486636. 3 Tp - NDP GARTH, YS461914, NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ - NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty - HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty - NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty - RAGLAN. A/2/35 US Arty - NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ - NUI DAT. A Coy - YS348647. B Coy - YS407649. C Coy - NUI DAT. V Coy NDP GARTH. Sp Coy - NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ - HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy - YS648835. B Coy - VUNG TAU. C Coy - YS576682. D Coy - HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D & E Pl. YS 308697.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 250010H at YS 459894 an APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt which was in a defensive position for the protection of a static installation, had one enemy carrying a light into their position. APC engaged the enemy when he was 30 metres from their position. Results unknown.

(2) At 251000H at YS 470890, 1 Pl 'V' Company 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted 5 civilians carrying heavy loads but no weapons. Persons moving rapidly E then probably sighted patrol and changed direction and moved rapidly NE. Patrol followed up into area of sighting and found blood trail which is believed to have resulted from contact of APC in para 1 d (1) above.

(3) At 251250H a helicopter from 161 (Indep) Recce Flt on a recce mission for 7 RAR sighted a large number of fishing boats near NUI TAM BO and Sandy Point Grid Square YS 7361. Boats were unusually close to beach and one boat was on the shore.

(4) At 251400H at YS650826 a patrol from A Coy 7 RAR located a M16 mine lying on its side on top of the ground and in an unserviceable condition. Destroyed in situ.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel Nil

(b) Material Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel Unknown

(b) Material Nil

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) (3) (4)

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. a. c. Omitted

b. RF Operations. Combined 7 RAR and RF ambushes continued in LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 085 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature 76.6 deg F

d. Humidity 73%

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NUI DAT



Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 260001H to 262400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
11 Field Force Vietnam  
Attn : AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Stand Down.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. other elms at NDP GARTH and XUYEN MOC.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contacts and 98 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.
  - (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.
  - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
  - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
  - (c) B Coy stand down.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
  - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary for Period 270001H to 272400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR.
  - (a) B Coy returns to HORSESHOE HILL.



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(b) D Coy deploys to area centre of mass YS5567.

(2) Otherwise ~~no~~ change.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp 422622. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4Tp NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp VUNG TAU. 2 Tp 721616.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty - NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy NUI DAT. A Coy 348647. V Coy NDP GARTH Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy 655854. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy 572682. Sp Coy FSB BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. VIC NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. BARIA.

(8) D & E Pl. 365699

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 251600H at YS 648852 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located a transit area covering 100 meters by 100 meters. There were 15 bunkers with 9-18 ins OHP. The system was about 6 months old, not used for 3-4 months and in good condition. A qty of cooking pots and a hoe were found.

(2) At 261940H Vic YS447678, a strong point detected movement on the perimeter. Illum fired - neg results.

(3) At 261900H 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt observed a veh at YS416624 mov west to east. Veh turned off lights and went back when it sighted the tank location. NFI

(4) At 262110H at NDP LORRAINE, Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) observed a light 350-400 meters to their NE. NFI

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) (b) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) (b) Omitted

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 2

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Omitted

(4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E36-42, N72-80, E49-57 N67-75. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 2½ hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT



Subject : Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 270001H to 272400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn : AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 2 Tp. NUI DAT Op con 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Stand down.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH and XUYEN MOC.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 132 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both inf bns.
  - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.
  - (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.
  - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
  - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
  - (f) Sp Coy. Remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
  - (c) B Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
  - (e) D Coy patrolled in area centre of mass YS5363.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary For Period 280001H to 282400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR.
  - (a) D Coy to return to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS395629. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL  
4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp VUNG TAU. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, YS512557 NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS459896, YS263757, XUYEN MOC.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. B Coy, C Coy NUI DAT. A Coy YS348647. V Coy NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS669861. C Coy YS572682. D Coy YS504654. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. BARIA.
- (8) D & E Pl YS365699.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 270930H At YS470896, a patrol from 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a mine of C4 and two RPG 7 rounds. The mine was destroyed.
- (2) At 270930H At YS358644, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a base camp covering 70 metres by 20 metres. There were 20-30 bed spaces and a cave system. The area had been used about one week ago and was in good condition. There were 2 empty Arty shells, qty docs and one pair of canvas boots found.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
  - (a) Omitted.
  - (b) Material 1x mine, 1x pr canvas boots.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 2
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Omitted. (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

- a. b. Omitted.
- c. Engineering Operations LCT 150,000 sq metres cleared.  
MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall 0 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds 069 deg at 4 knots.
- c. Temperature 79.1 deg F
- d. Humidity 68%

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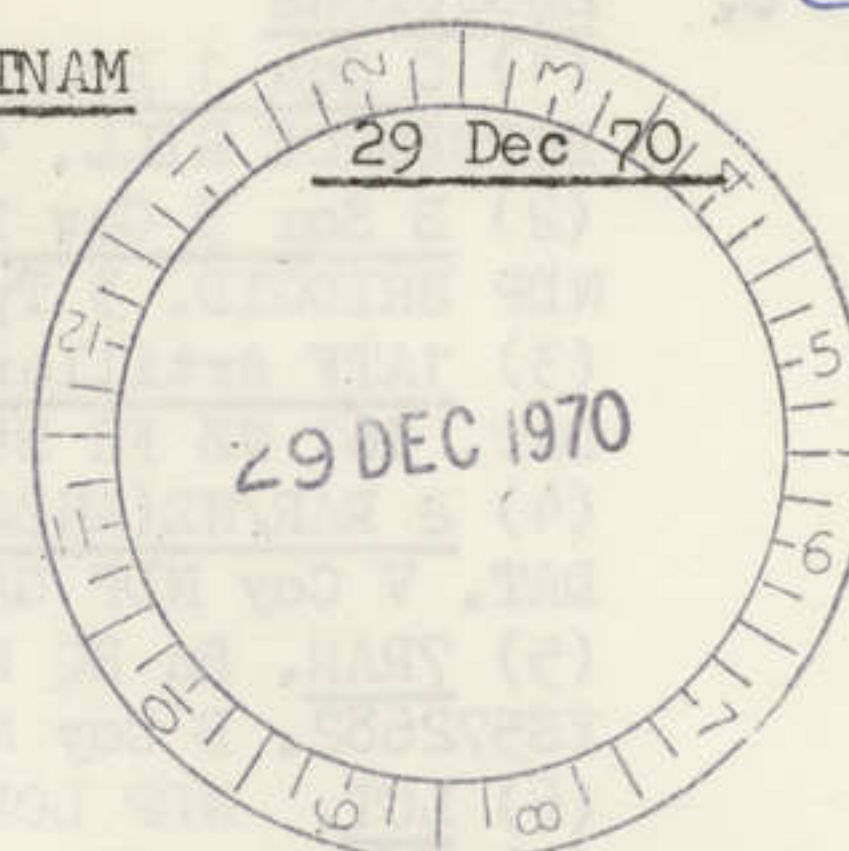
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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Subject: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 280001H to 282400H Dec 70

To: Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Stand down.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH and XUYEN MO, and vic AO MANGO.
- (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF and Counter Penetration Force.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 103 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HAO LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.
- (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.
- (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
- (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn Hq remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
- (c) B Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
- (e) D Coy returned from patrolling tasks.
- (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary for Period 290001H to 292400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. (a) D Coy Stand down.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp returns from Stand down. Elms op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) 1 ATF RRF.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS419661. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT, YS367615. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, NDP BRIDGID. 3 Tp NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS458895, YS255753, XUYEN MOC.
- (3) 1ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS348647. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NUI DAT. V Coy NDP GARTH. Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
- (5) 7RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS679863. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL. C Coy YS572682. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. BARIA.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS408766.
- (9) 1 ARU. YS393778.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 280410H at YS520642. a patrol from 10 Pl D Coy 7RAR contacted 2 to 3 VC moving east to west. Negative results.
- (2) At about 280745H vic YS465538, a voice aircraft received 3 to 4 rounds tracer. No damage to aircraft.
- (3) Before 281740H at YS687867, 3 Pl A Coy 7RAR located ten weapon pits with OHP. Found were 100 empty grenade bodies and a booby trap consisting of two grenades, one with an anti-lift device. NFI.
- (4) At 281833H at YS438888, a patrol from 2 Pl, V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 2 plus VC moving east. En withdrew west. Sweep conducted with negative results.
- (5) At 281842H at YS422887, another patrol contacted 3 VC moving rapidly west. Patrol engaged with organic weapons. Results: 2VC KIA, 1 x AK47 CIA. Further sweep to be conducted by 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel. 2 x VC KIA (BC)
  - (b) Materiel. 1 x AK47 CIA. 1 x booby trap destroyed.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 2
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E43-47, N53-57; E48-55, N53-57; E32-38, N62-68; E52-58, N55-59. Themes were Chieu Hoi and Anti-morale.

b. Omitted.

- c. Engineering Operations LCT 150,000 sq metres cleared.  
MCT 2,000 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 064 deg at 5 knots.
- c. Temperature. 77.4 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 71%.

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30 DEC 70

**Subject:** Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 290001H to 292400H Dec 70

**To :** Commanding General  
11 Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG 1V in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT.
  - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC and vic AC MANGO.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF and Counter Penetration Force.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. contact and H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.
  - (c) B Coy remained NUI DAT.
  - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
  - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy op in YHUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
  - (c) B Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
  - (e) D Coy returned from patrolling tasks.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary For Period 300001H to 302400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC). B Coy to commence Stand Down.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locactions.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS419661, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, YS367618, 2 Tp NUI DAT, HORSESHOE HILL, YS484640, YS512556, 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS459896, YS264733, XUYEN MOC.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN, C-S-42 US ARTY NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348647, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy NUI DAT, V Coy NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy YS677863, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, C Coy YS516673, D Coy VUNG TAU, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. BARIA.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Reference contact of 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR the Platoon conducted a sweep this morning and located one compass and a quantity of documents (YS422887).

(2) At 290900H at YS354645 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR located a Base Camp, 50x20m in area and of rectangular shape. There was 1 cave 20' deep with numerous natural off shoots. Estimated system last used 12 months ago and in poor condition.

(3) At 291000H at YS358654, 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR located a Staging Camp, 50 metres, following a creek line. There were 4 caves and 8 bed spaces. Camp about 1 yr old, last used 1 month ago and in good condition. (Believe that this system has been reported several times before).

(4) (Late Report) 281000H at YS605809 a patrol from 161 Bty RNZA operating from FSB RAGLAN, located an underground sleeping bay in 2 tunnels, 30' long x 20' x 36" high. Sleeping bay large enough to accommodate 4 pers. System last used 6 - 8 months ago, and in fair condition, some eating utensils found in system.

(5) At 291340H at YS533570 a patrol from Support Coy 7 RAR located a bunker with 5 sleeping bays. Bunker had 18" OHP about 3 months old and not used for 3-4 weeks. System in good condition and is to be destroyed.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Material. 1 x compass.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 2

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Units Actions with contact. One.

(4) Results 2 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions over area E47-54 N65-71, E32-38 N 62-68, E43-47 N53-57. Themes: Anti morale and divisive. Leaflet drop over Northern Long Hai's Theme: Chieu Hoi. Ground Team visited Chieu Hoi Centre.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 150000 Sq Metres cleared.

MCT 2500 Sq Metres cleared 3 x M16 mines located.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 49 deg at 5 knots.

c. Temperature. 77.5 deg F.

d. Humidity. 67%.

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31 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 300001H to 302400H Dec 70

To: Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANH IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL. One sect 1 ATF Counter Penetration Force.
  - (c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC and vic AO MANGO, and op con 2 RAR/NZ.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, and FSB RAGLAN.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. *Nil* contact and 77 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
  - (e) MCT worked in BARIA area.
  - (f) Reconstruction team deployed at XUYEN MOC at RF compound.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Rte 52 to all weather dirt road from HAO LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH Mts, centre of mass YS3566.
  - (c) B Coy remained NUI DAT.
  - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for re-training.
  - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
  - (c) B Coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL with a pl in PHUOC BUU area centre of mass YS6264.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
  - (e) D Coy returned from patrolling tasks.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary for Period 310001H to 312400H Dec 70.

- (1) All activities limited in terms of temporary cessation of hostile activities.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS424662, 3 Tp HORSESHOE, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS642610 (elms at YS690667, NUI DAT, YS504547, YS490648, 3 Tp elms at NUI DAT, GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS265733, XUYEN MOC.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty, C/5/42 NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B and C Coy NUI DAT, A Coy YS348647, V Coy NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE, A Coy YS677863, B Coy YS698660, C Coy YS572682, D Coy VUNG TAU, Sp Coy BRIGID.
- (6) LCT. LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. BARIA
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 301112H at YS648630, 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR contacted 15 plus enemy in a bunker system. Contact broken at 301245H. En wdr North and East, Sweep conducted and located a heavy blood trail and a qty docs. Bushrangers supported the contact. Twenty new bunkers and six old bunkers were located. Area had been occupied for 3-4 days by about 30 pers. Results: 4 Aust WIA, one WIA later DOW, EN cas unk.
- (2) At 301200H at YS460835, a vehicle from 1 Fd Sqn had a number of shots fired in its direction. Negative damage to vehicle.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses
  - (a) Personnel. 4 Aust WIA (incl one DOW)
  - (b) Omitted
- (2) Omitted.
- (3) Small Unit Action
  - (a) Company - 1
  - (b) Platoon - 1
  - (c) Squad - 3
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.
- (3)-(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E44-47, N52-57; E32-38, N62-68; E36-42, N72-79. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 4½ hours.
- (2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted and targeted over are E54-55, N69-75. Themes were Chieu Hoi benefits, Rally Appeals and messages from Hoi Chanh. 200,000 leaflets were dropped.
- (3) Ground Activity. Ground Team A assisted with familiarization of area for new LO at HOA LONG.

b. Omitted.

- c. Engineering Operations: LCT 100,000 sq metres cleared.  
MCT 600 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 47 deg at 3 knots.
- c. Temperature. 78.6 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 62%

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**Subject:** Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 310001H to 312400H Dec 70

**To :** Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

**ii** Operations Summary

**a.** General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANH IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
  - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
  - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms NDP BRIGID, HORSESHOE HILL, and South to XUYEN MOC, One sect.
  - (c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF RRF, elms east of XUYEN MOC.
  - (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC and vic AO MANGO, and op con 2 RAR/NZ.
  - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, and FSE REGLAN.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and I and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) 1, 2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, Cav 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
  - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
  - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
  - (e) MCT worked in BARIA area.
  - (f) Reconstruction team deployed at XUYEN MOC at RF compound.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconst ruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HAO LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
  - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH Mts, centre of mass YS3566.
  - (c) B Coy remained NUI DAT.
  - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for re-training.
  - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR.
  - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
  - (b) A Coy in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
  - (c) B Coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL with a pl in PHUOC PUU area centre of mass YS6264.
  - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
  - (e) D Coy deployed to area YS7161.
  - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

**b.** Plans Summary for Period 010001H to 012400H Jan 71 .

- (1) All activities limited in terms of temporary cessation of hostile activities.

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS419663, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS699659, HORSESHOE HILL, YS713677, YS513556, YS699659.  
3 Tp NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, NDP LORRAINE, XUYEN MOC.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery, RHQ, 107 Fd Bty, C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 161 NZ Fd Bty - RAGLAN.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348647, B Coy VUNG TAU, C Coy NUI DAT, V COY NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
- (5) 7 RAR Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS678850, B Coy YS713677, C Coy YS572682, D Coy YS709620, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT NDP LORRAINE
- (7) MCT BARIA
- (8) D & E Pl YS743689

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 310357 at YS 698660, 1 Sect 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and B Coy HQ 7 RAR contacted an estimated 45 VC. APC Sect initiated ambush with claymores followed by .30 and .50 MG fire.  
Results: 21 VC KIA (BC) 1xM16, 2xRPD MGs, 8xAK47, 2xB40 launchers, 12xB40 rds, 2x.45 cal pistols, 4x7.62mm pistols, 1xANPRC 25, 5x60mm rds, 1x frag grenade, 4xconcussion grenades, 2xelectrical dets, 5xB40 rocket fuel containers, and a qty of docus CIA. Each VC carrying sufficient food for two weeks.  
Sweep revealed 9 blood trails, two of them heavy.
- (2) At 311500H at YS594818 elements of 161 NZ Fd Bty located a L shaped storage bay, 3 ft wide, 3 ft high, one area 6 ft long, the other 5 ft long with 6 ft OHP. The bay was empty and about 8 months old.
- (3) At 311905H at YS490551, a patrol from Sp Coy 7 RAR contacted 3-4 VC. VC initiated contact with small arms. Negative results.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
  - (a) Personnel Omitted
  - (b) Material Omitted
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel 21 VC KIA (BC) 9 WIA (poss) (BT)
  - (b) Material 2xRPD MGs, 8xAK47s, 1xM16, 2xB40 launchers, 12xB40 rds, 2x.45 cal pistols, 4x7.62mm pistols, 1xANPRC 25, 5x60mm rds, 1xfrag grenade, 4xconcussion grenades, 2xelectric dets, 5xB40 rocket fuel containers and a qty of docs CIA.

f. Small Unit Action

- (1)
  - (a) Company 1
  - (b) Platoon 1
  - (c) Squad 2
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Omitted
- (4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations



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a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions Conducted and targeted over area E32-38, N62-58, E30-36, N69-75, E36-43, N74-79. Themes were Chieu Hoi and rally appeals. Broadcast time 4 1/2 hours.
- (2) Leaflet Drop Conducted and targeted over area E46-47, N49-53. Themes were anti-morale and messages from Hoi Chanh. 140,000 leaflets were dropped.
- (3) Ground Activity 'A' Team op in XUYEN MOC.

b. Omitted

c. Engineering Operations LCT 110,000 sq metres cleared.  
MCT Omitted

3. Meteorological Detail


- a. Rainfall Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds 129 deg at 4 knot s.
- c. Temperature 76.3 deg F.
- d. Humidity 75%

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Distribution

II F Force V G3 R&E  
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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 335/70
- 2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) (011449H). At YS456892, pt1 from A tk/Sp/2 RAR/NZ loc on the ground, 1 Chicom gren, 1 tin containing 75 rds AK47 ammo, 1xM1 mag, 1xvery rusty barrel and receiver gp of an U/1 rifle.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (011400H). At YS329637, 8/C/2 RAR/NZ loc and destroyed a cave with 4-5 bed spaces est last used 8-12 months ago. Tracks in the area led east, south and SW, the most recent being those to the south.

(b) (012030H). At YS266577, a composite radar and protection party from 161 Bty/2 RAR/NZ contacted approx 3-4 VC who approached from the SW and initiated fire with auto wpns. Nil friendly cas; en cas unk.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) )Prior to 010840H). At YS454856, B/3 Cav Regt detained HOI CHANH LY VAN KET on follow-up of earlier sighting made by VR ac. See Annex A for initial intg.

b. (1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted Nil NVA 2 VC (by SAS)

(3) Omitted

b. Omitted

c. Detainees.

(1)-(3) Omitted

(4) Hoi Chanh 1

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation 1 (by SAS)

(6) Omitted

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown 1xU/1 rifle (SAS)

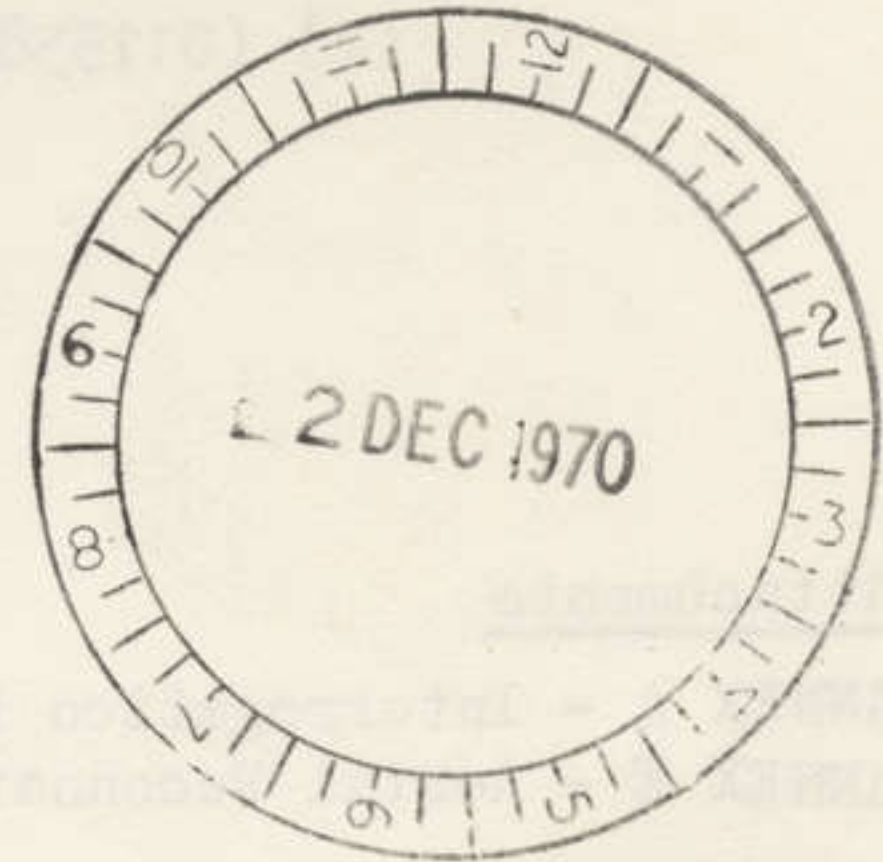
(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

At YS456892: 1xChicom gren, 75xAK47 rds, 1xM1 mag, 1xU/1 rifle barrel.

(b) Omitted

(3)-(5) Omitted





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f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) KIA 2 VC                  | (6)-(21) Omitted  |
| (2) Omitted                   | (22) SA rounds 75 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1               | (23) GRENADES 1   |
| (4) Omitted                   | (24)-(27) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Wpns. Action 1 |                   |

5.6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 01 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted

11. Micellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 334/70

(a) Para. 3a (1)(a), add loc of YS250627.

c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (011515H). Report received from BARIA states that 3 VN soldiers CIA by VC during the attack on XUYEN MOC on night of 29 Nov 70, have been released. Soldiers being questioned.

(2) (011558H). At YS804680, USAF conducted an A/S on an en posn; results unk.

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ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports. ANNEX B - Captured Documents. ANNEX C - Agent Reports  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 335/70  
dated 01 Dec 70

Appendix 1

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RALLIER LE VAN KET

Biographical Data

1. Name : LE VAN KET  
AKA : NAM THANG  
D/POB: 1935, HOA LONG  
Rank/Appt : Soldier, Protection Cell  
Unit : CHAU DUC District Unit  
Receiving Unit : 161 Recce Flt  
Loc : Route 2

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Exploited Info

2. The subject was a member of the group which was dispatched by NAM KIEM (CHAU DUC District Comd) to the NGAI GIAO area in Oct 70, with the aim of collecting food for the unit. They were instructed that they were to avoid Allied/ARVN sweep operations and were to collect food and supplies for CHAU DUC District.

3. The subject and his party moved to approx YS463800 from their base camp at NUI ONG HUU approx YS356667. The party remained to YS 463800 for approx 3 days. Because the subject was ill and coughing blood, he asked SAU SUONG (2IC CHAU DUC DISTRICT COMD COMMITTEE) for permission to go to AP TU VIC at approx YS415865, in order to recuperate. He remained at this general location until 24 Nov 70, when he met his aunt in the CHAU LAC Plantation. He asked her to bring his wife to him when next his aunt came to the plantation to buy fruit. His wife eventually arrived and persuaded him to rally.

Comment: The subject has been separated from his unit for approx 1 month and is unable to give any indication of the future intentions of any units from CHAU DUC District. The Interrogation is continuing.

Appendix II

Biographical Data

1. Name : NGUYEN VAN KET, aka HOAI THU  
Rank/Apppt : Village Unit Comd  
Unit : AN NHUT Village Guerillas  
Capture Details : Rallied to Long Dien Subsector 29 Nov 70

Exploited Information

2. Subject is one of only two members of the Unit, whose only weapon is 1 M26 grenade.
3. Other guerillas (5) were living with the subject close to Route 326 at approx YS470565. They want to rally, have finished their rice, and are living on vegetables.
4. Rice use to come from An Ngai Village. To collect it An Nhut, An Ngai and Tam Phouc village guerillas used to send 1 person across the padi to route 326, then to YS475575, then across padi to YS454585 and thence across the road and padi to An Ngai Village.
5. This route was not used for a month because of Australian ambushes.
6. Subject also stated that mines have been laid from Dinh Co Mountain (YS441575) to Phuoc Tinh Intersection (YS433521). The exact locations are unknown.

ANNEX B (Captured Documents)  
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dated 01 Dec 70

A document captured on 24 Nov 70 by 3/1st US Cav Div (AM) in a bunker complex at YS805918 was found to be a handwritten message dated 5 Oct 70 from an unknown originator to TAM VIET (held by ORBAT as Comd LONG DAT District Unit, AKA LE VAN VIET) and to D445. The message instructed the addressees to conduct an attack on an enemy unit operating in BAY THUNG's (Comd XUYEN MOC District Unit) area of responsibility between 5 and 10 Oct. In the event that the attack could not be launched during this period the unit (probably referring again to D445) was to return (to its base camp) to prepare for the attacks on Australian units in Oct 70. The addressees were to inform the author of their combat preparations. D445 was to borrow "30 E 3" (possibly ammunition or explosive charges) from BAY THUNG on the way back (to its base camp).

Comment: This instruction is probably related to the attack on XUYEN MOC on 29 Nov, and suggests that attempts may be made to attack Australian troops, most likely in the form of attacks by fire. The fact that the planned dates for the attacks are past does not negate the possibility that any such attacks by fire might take place in coming weeks.

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1. (011200H). Report received at DUC THANH, uneval.  
The source sighted 15 VC carrying 2 further wounded VC at YS472711. The party were reported to be moving NE.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 335/70  
dated 01 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
010818H	YS675647	A track running through a clearing at this loc.
010930H	YS402892 YS395887	Camp fire smoke seen at these two locs. Nothing further seen due to poor light beneath the canopy.
010800H	YS7266	Many tracks between the lake and Route 23, parallel to the road. A suspected camp area on the northern edge of BAU NGAM.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 336/70.
- 2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (020255H) At YS515541, LANG PHUOC HAI, 189 RF Coy compound received SA fire from an estimated 3 en at YS512540; 1 x AK47 was ident. Illum fired and a sweep was conducted with nil results. Friendly cas: 1 RF WIA.

(b) (021410H) VR ac sighted fishing boats off the coast in grid squares YS6858 and YS7362. Registration numbers and names of vessels taken - 1 ALSG investigating.

(c) (021905) At YS458560 11/D/7 RAR detonated a mine. Result: 4 Aust WIA.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (020830H) At YS450793, 37 and 40 PF Pl's loc and destroyed 15 fox holes est used within the last 12 hrs.

Comment. An agent report received at BARIA on 302145H Nov stated that 30 VC were seen at YS446780 on 301630H Nov. The VC were armed with 2 x 81mm mors and individual wpns; intentions unk.

(b) (021130H) At YS338776, 3/A/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a camp of 12 bunkers with 6 ft OHP interlocking crawl trenches and tunnels. Entry/exit was to the north, east and west, The camp was in good condition, est 18 mnths old but was not used since that time. Loc in the bunkers were 2 smoke grens. Camp to be destroyed.

(c) (021453H) At YS260629, a bushranger ac sighted 1 sampan with 1 pers on board. The sampan moved to YS259632 at which point the occupant threw an article overboard. The pers was released as an innocent civilian after interogation at NUI DAT.

b. Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d, Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured and Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured 2 smoke grenades.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(1) KIA 2 VC

(2) PW 1

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(4) Omitted.

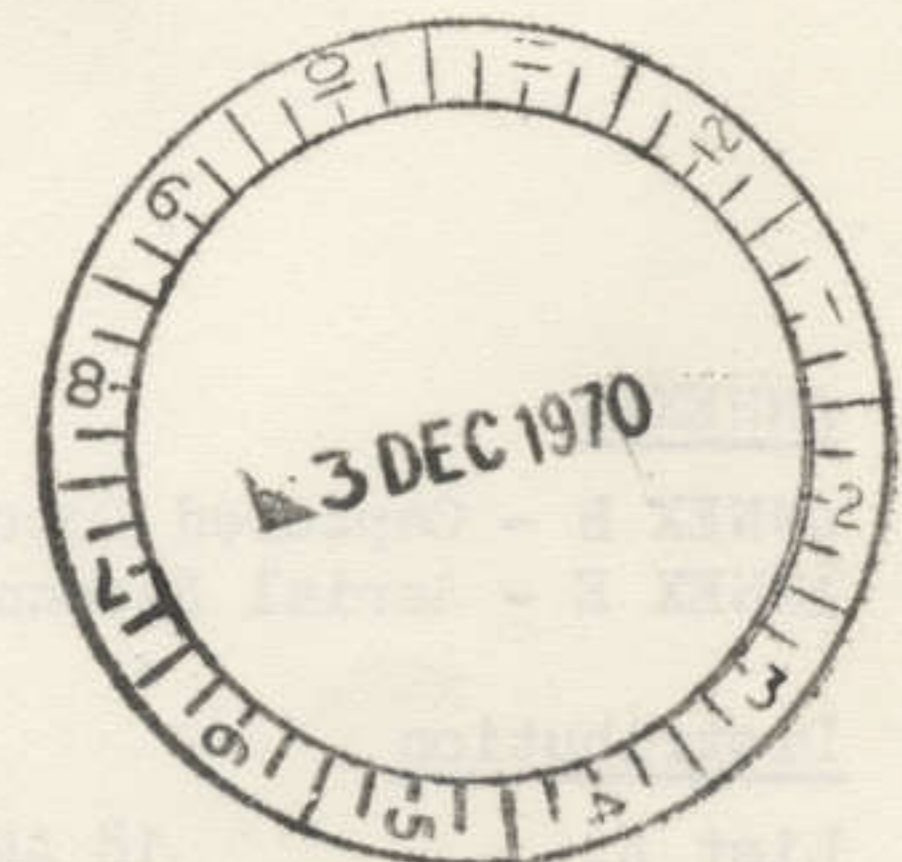
(5) Individual Wpns  
Action 1

(6) to (21) Omitted.

(22) SA rounds 75

(23) GRENADES 3

(24) to (27) Omitted.





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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
021905H	YS458560	Poss M 16	4 Aust WIA

6. 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. b. Omitted

c. Information Received from Voluntry Informants

(1) (021000H) At YS415785 farmers reported sighting approx 13 VC at loc given.

(2) (021200H) At YS545756 a wood cutter reported seeing 30 VC carrying a large tube. Arty fired H and I mission NFI.

d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late Report (011220H) AT YS694855 a SAS ptl contacted 3 en. Result: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC PW (WIA), 1 unidentified rifle CIA. PW unable to be identified. Clothing and equipment on KIA indicate that they were local guerillas.

(2) Further to the reference of "30 e3" (ammunition)" in Annex B of INTSUM 335/70, investigation by 1 Fd Sqn revealed that munition a 'mark' (MK) of M16 mines.

(3) (020900H) PRU captured HUNG VAN KHOI who is suspected as a poss finance and Economy member of VUNG TAU. Interrogation report to follow.

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ANNEX B - Captured Documents

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A.	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2	MACV-J2	HQ 11 FFV
3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div	12 Cbt Avn Gp		2/25 US Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	RTAVF		Advisory Team

ANNEX B (Captured Documents)  
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A notebook and letter captured by 722 RF Coy on 271215 Nov at YS459640 is though to have belonged to a member of LONG DAT Security section. The note book records expenditure on food and the letter personal details of a tactical value.

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ANNEX B (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
To 1 ATF INTSUM No 336/70  
Dated 2 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Loc tion</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
021200H	E75-77 N73-75	Nil significant sightings
021515H	E72-73 N70-74	VR sighted a track used by 10 plus people moving N from YS726685 to a lie up area at YS731694. From YS731694 track divides, one track moving NE, other NW. The NW track followed to YS725704, 8 plus people used this track. The NE track also quite heavily used. Track system appeared 2-3 days old.
021400H	E70-74 N75-76	Nil significant sightings

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2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Omitted.
  - b. Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
  - a,b,c,d,e. Omitted.
  - f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3.
 

(1) KIA - 2 VC	(22) SA rounds - 75
(3) Hoi Chanh - 1	(23) Grenades - 3
(5) Individual Wpns: Action - 1	
(2),(4),(6)-(21),(24)-(27) - Omitted.	
- 5,6,7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.
- 9,10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
  - a. Omitted.
  - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
    - (1) Ref INTSUM 336/70.
      - (a) Para 3a(1)(c), amend DTG and loc to read (021850H) and YS457560, respectively. Amend para 5b(2) accordingly.
      - (b) Annex B, amend loc on the first line to read YS549640. On the last line, amend "of a tactical value" to read "of no tactical value".
      - (c) Para 3a(1)(b), amend "off the coast" to read "on the beach".
  - c,e. Omitted.
  - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
  - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) (030900H) At YS485835, VN special Forces contacted an est pl of VC. Res: 8 friendlies WIA, 2 VC KIA, 2 wpns and a qty of docus CIA.
    - (2) (031100H) At YS236686 RUNG SAT Special Forces (VN) contacted 13 VC dressed in khaki and moving north, resulting in all VC KIA. At 1230 hrs, the force contacted a further 2 VC who entered the contact area resulting in 2 VC KIA. Total Res: 15 VC KIA, nil wpns taken, docus and 1 med kit CIA.
    - (3) Prior to 031330H) At YS441643, 302 RF Bn loc and destroyed an extensive tunnel system. NFI.
    - (4) (031130H) At YS277555, 12 PF Pl contacted 3-4 VC in mixed clothing who returned fire with SA before wdr NW. Res: En cas unk. 1 civ WIA.

ANNEXES:

ANNEX C - Agent Reports  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

List A	18 ARVN Div	Advisory Team 48
HQ 2 FFV	3 TAC Fighter Wing	Sector S2
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	25(US) Div
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	2/25 (US) Bde
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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)  
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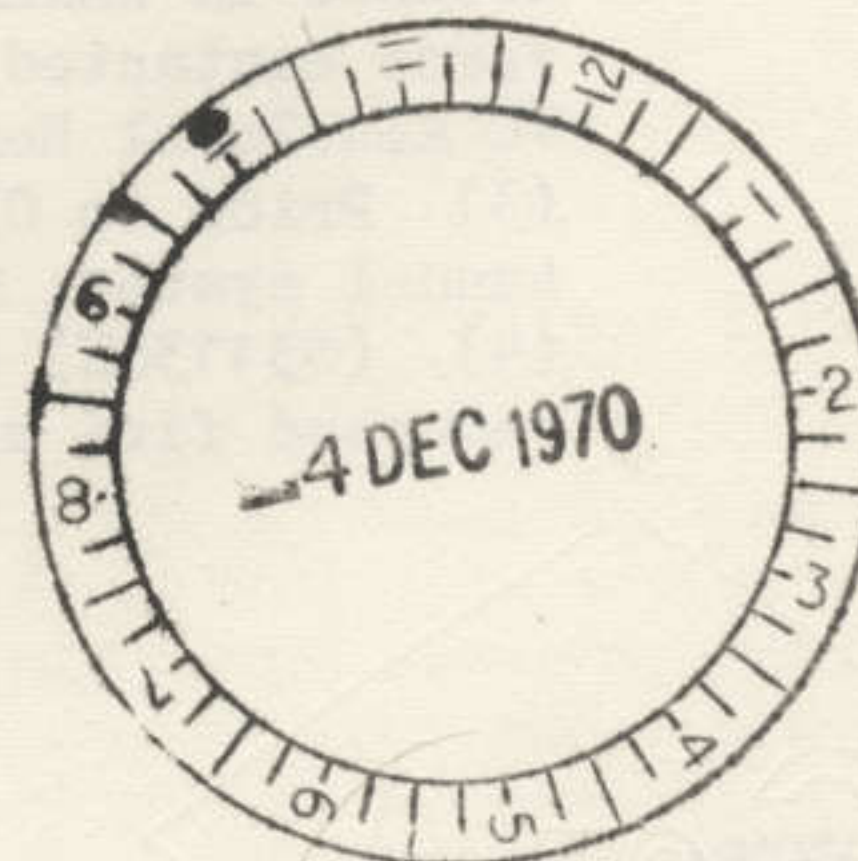
1. (031800H) Report received at HOI MY, uneval. At YS460560, 60 VC were seen moving SSE along a fire trail.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO. 337/70  
DATED 03 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
030815H	YS781745	A track of 4-6 pers, approx 1 week old, runs from this loc to YS785745.
031000H	YS776805	A track from this loc, heavily used approx 1-2 weeks ago, runs from this loc to YS763818. Evidence of activity at both locs where the track enters large cleared areas beneath the canopy. Old camps in the area show no signs of fresh activity.
031400H	E73-76, N71-74.	Marked tracks in the area show no signs of recent use.
031640H	YS662653	Very fresh tracks of at least 20 pers seen on the logging road and head SW.
	YS662649	A ft track leaves the logging rd and runs to YS661646.
	YS661646	A large cleared area beneath the canopy with approx 4x3 ft square holes. The holes had no cam and no defined track seen leaving the area.

2,3,4,5. Omitted.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 338/70
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (041600H) At YS582740 8/C/7 RAR loc a tunnel system 6 months old and in fair condition. The main chamber is 25ft x 12ft with corridors 10ft long with a 90 degree turn into the main chamber, and 8ft OHP. 1 entry point only. 500 rds of .30 cal ammo, 1 very corroded rifle and bayonet of unk type recovered.

(2) AO MICE

(a) (041745H) At YS468896 APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated by trip-wire a 20lb mine. Light damage to veh.

(3) Other Areas

(a) Late Report. (031703H) At YS663668, 1/A/1 Armd Regt investigated an earlier sighting by a civ of 70(+) VC at this loc. The country proved to be too thick for Armd veh and RF tps were debussed to conduct a sweep of the area. At 031730H, 1/A/1 Armd Regt heard shots est to have come from vic YS660663. At 031835H RF sweep terminated with nil results. RR Force then left the area. Comment. The VR flown at 031640H (INTSUM 337/70 ANNEX E) was in sp of this operation.

(4) (From 041943H) At YS474717 Base Patrol 7 RAR contacted by unk no VC. Details in INTSUM 339/70.

## b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

## a.b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

## (1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured 500 rds .30 cal ammo  
1 unidentified rifle and bayonet

(b) Omitted.

## (3)(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

(1) KIA 2 VC

(6)-(21) Omitted.

(2) Omitted

(22) SA rounds 575

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(23) GRENADES 3

(4) Omitted

(24)-(27) Omitted

(5) Individual Wpns

Action 1

Caches 1

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

## a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 337/70

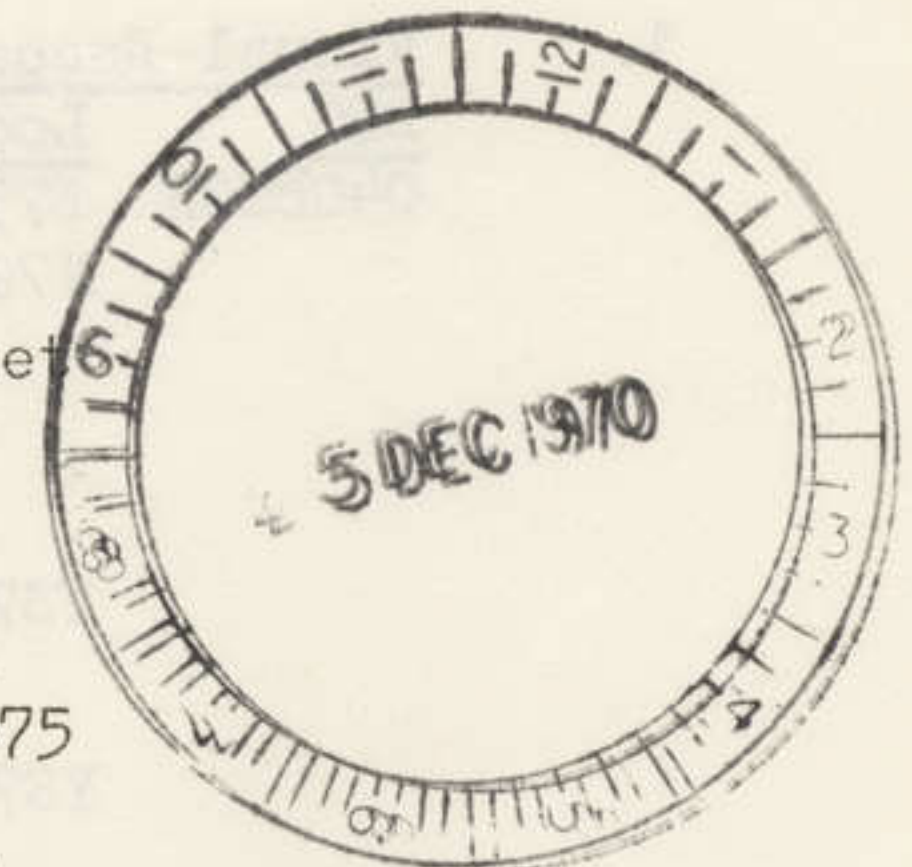
(a) ANNEX C, amend grid to read YS460550.

## c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late Report. (031105H) At YS447740, DUC THANH Sub Sector detained NGUYEN NGOC CHUOC as a suspected en int agent for BINH BA. Intg continues at DUC THANH NP.

(2) (04 Dec 70) At YS229740 at PHU MY, Sub Sector forces located the body of LE VAN LUC, a 60 year old known government supporter, who had been assassinated. A note attached to the body indicated that the PHU MY PC assassinated LUC because they suspected him of being a GVN agent.





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(3) Late Report. (031200H) YS441643, 302 RF Coy detained NGUYEN VAN BE in the vic of the tunnel system loc by the same unit. (See INTSUM 337/70 para 11.f.(3)). Initial intg reveals BE was born in 1954, HOA TONG, and he claims no knowledge of the tunnel system. It is believed that the subjects father participated in the construction of the bunker.

(4) (041420H) Installation report of the tunnel system loc and destroyed by 302 RF Coy on 03 Dec 70 (INTSUM 337/70 para 11f(3) refs): The system was est to be 6 months old with signs of some recent diggings (Poss for extensions). Loc in the area were 6 sets of concrete based, steel panji spikes.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A

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MACV- CICV

RTAVF

18 ARVN Div

3 Tac Fighter Wing

12 Cbt Avn Gp

BIEN HOA TAC

Advisory Team 48

Sector S2

25 US Div

2/25 US Bde

(ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM 338/70  
dated 4 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

DTG	Location
040800H	E75-77 N72-75

Sighting

Track followed from YS751709 east to a track junction at YS755708 (numerous tracks in this vic). Footprints of boots and HO CHI MINH sandals were then followed north along the main track to YS767725. The track appeared to be used by 6(+) pers moving north less than 4 days ago.

YS758713

Beside track recent small diggings, similar diggings sighted at two other pts along track.

YS752728

A large area recently dug up under some trees appeared to be 1-2 days old.

YS753732

A large hole (3ft dia). Appeared to have been recent activity in vic. Hole not cam, but another small hole 20 m east was concealed. Poss tunnel entrances.

YS762746

An old camouflaged hut near several other dis huts which appears to have been used recently. Old bunker system near this loc show no signs of recent activity.

041000H YS734738

Track 1-2 days old used by 10 pers from this loc to YS737719.

YS737724

Large cleared area beneath canopy. 1 bunker and several small round holes sighted. Appears fresh and has numerous light tracks in area. Track of 6-8 pers enters this camp from W. Numerous other tracks seen in area, but could not be followed.

2.3.4.5. Omitted.

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2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO JUDY

(a) (051200H) At YS415785, 5/B/ 2 RAR/NZ loc and des a pit system 50m X 30m, 2 pits 4'X4'X4' and six pits 2'X3'X3'. System 1-2 years old in poor condition and last used 6 months ago.

(b) (051600H) At YS458892 17 Const Sqn uncovered by grader a VC local mine of 40lbs weight at a point 10ft off road. Mine had been in posn for at least 12 months.

(c) (051923H) At YS435891, ptl of Aslt Pnr/2 RAR/NZ contacted 2 en who approached from north. Sweep conducted and found 1 VC KIA(BC) and noises of poss a wounded VC heard. Further sweep to be conducted 6 Dec.

(d) (Prior to 051850H) At YS439893, ptl of Aslt Pnr/2 RAR/NZ loc a body approx 7-10 days old in a shallow grave. COMMENT. Poss from contact Atk/Sp/2 RAR/NZ contact at YS439890 on 111020H Nov 70. (Refer INTSUM 315/70 para 3.a.(1)(a)).

(2) Other Areas.

(a) Ref INTSUM 338/70 para 3.(a)(4)

(042000H) At YS474717, base ptl of 7 RAR were fired on by unk number of VC from the north. (042200H same ptl) En approached from NE and ptl received auto fire. (042215H same ptl) At YS460715 ptl while mov west to join RRF was eng by en with RPD and 1 RPG. En believed to wdr NW. Nil friendly cas, nil en cas. (Refer ANNEX C para 1.)

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

(3) Omitted.

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

(3) Omitted.

c. and d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) - (3) Omitted.

(4) Captured Documents. See ANNEX B.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3.

(1) KIA 3VC

(2) Omitted

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(4) Omitted

(5) Individual Wpns

Action 1

(6) Crew Served Wpns

Action 1

(7) - (21) Omitted.

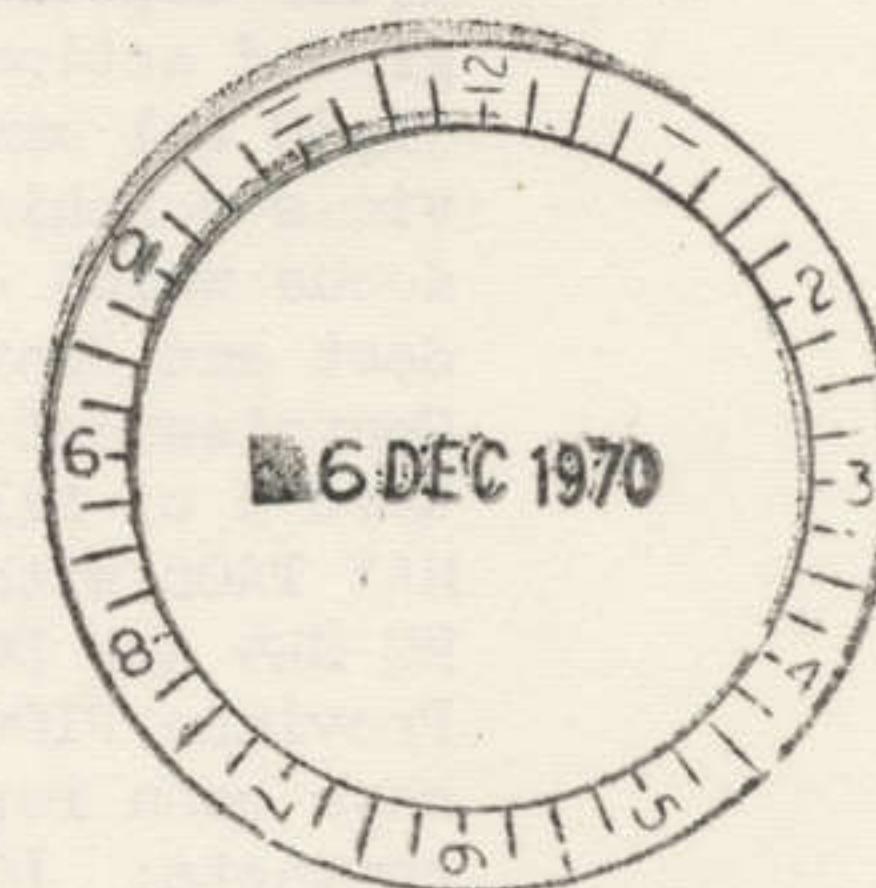
(22) SA Rounds 575

(23) Grenades 3

(24) Omitted.

(25) AT Mines 1

(26) and (27) Omitted.





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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. AT MINES - 1 at YS458892.

(2) Omitted.

6. and 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.

9.- 10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Amend Total VC KIA period 01 - 30 Nov 70 to read "10" due to body found by Atk/2 RAR/NZ today. (refer para 3.a.(1)(e)).

(2) Ref INTSUM 338/70 para 4.f.(5) delete "Individual Wpns Caches 1".

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (050530H) At YS464595, 56 PF pl received bursts of AK47 fire. Res: 1 PF WIA.

(2) (050700H) VIOCC at Long Hai received a Hoi Chanh CAO VAN CHOT, believed to be Asst Squad Ldr Protection Cell, C25 (Long Dat District Conc Coy). CHOT claimed that there were M16 and Atk mines vic YS442531.

(3) (Prior to 051317H) At YS467642 ptl from Long Dien eng 3 VC. NFI.

(4) (Prior to 051650H) At YS422658 20 carriers with empty baskets were reported to have been seen.

(5) (052005H) At YS368618, PRU were ambushed by a squad of VC resulting in 1 PRU KIA, nil en cas.

(6) Further to INTSUM No. 337/70 para 11.f.(2) reporting contacts between RUNG SAT Special Forces and VC: Contacts took place in vic square 2370 on 2 Dec and 3 Dec. Total confirmed en cas was 16, all KIA(BC) two of whom died after capture. Two of en KIA were killed by gunships, and remainder in ground action. Fol wpns and ammo were CIA: 2XAK47, 1XSKS, 1XM2 Carbine (US), 1X.30 cal ammo box containing K54 rds. Also CIA were qty of med sups incl 7 vials morphine, 2 tubes penicillin, camphenol and 7 vial quinine; and qty docus which confirm that VC contacted were staff and patients of H5 Medical Sect and Convalescence Gps C212 and C214 (COMMENT: These units together with Convalescent Gp C213, are subordinate to K3 Convalescence Bn which is AKA Ward 3 of Mil Hosp K76A, identified in Jan 70 by a PW as then being in MAY TAOs with some elms in other areas. All these units are subordinate to HQ SR4 AKA DOAN 12). Docus and med sups are being transferred to PHUOC TUY Province PIOCC. From study of docus RSSZ NHA BE believe that fol units may have been represented amongst patients with Convalescence Gps at time of contacts: DOAN 10 Bn HQ, Radio Station, Comd Staff Sect, Tpt Sect and Military Medical Sect; Long Thanh Engr and Recce Coy (possibly C240 Coy); Nhon Trach Recce Unit and 2 Bn SR 4. Docus further suggest that en group may have totalled 30 pers at time of contacts and RSSZ NHA BE believe that total en KIA is probably greater than confirmed 16. En installations loc and destroyed were 6 base camps, one convalescence camp about 200m long with 80 beds, and six sampans. Most bunkers and other installations found were in

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square YS2269. Bunkers and sampans were camouflaged.

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Annex A - Interrogation Report  
Annex B - Captured Documents

Annex C - Agent Reports  
Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 339/70  
DATED 5 DEC 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW PHAM VAN VY

Reference: A. 1 ATF INTSUM 336/70 para 11.f.(1)

Biographical Data

NAME: PHAM VAN VY  
BORN: 1912 Quang Nghia

1. The subject remains in hospital and is still weak. He claims he knows nothing about the VC or VC Units. He says he is an illegal resident in the area and was on his way to gardens when contacted. He and his neice (KIA) who helped him with the gardening ran when they contacted 1 ATF troops because they were afraid of the consequences of illegal gardening in the area. Female was NGUYEN THI PHAT.

2. VY denies all knowledge of the presence of a third person (armed with Mossim Nagant rifle) in the contact.

3. 1 ATF Comment: The subject's claims seem unlikely, as the two males were approx 3 metres apart when the contact was initiated, and talking. VY's desire to "disown" the armed man throws doubt on the rest of his story.

The interrogation is continuing.

ANNEX B TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 339/70  
DATED 5 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Reference: A. INTSUM 338/70 para 11.f.(2)  
Contents of note found on body of LE VAN LUC:

- States LUC is an ex VC.
- LUC has a son in the VC.
- LUC helped the PRU by lending them his sampan some time ago.
- LUC was killed by the Security Sect of CHAU DUC presumably as a reprisal.
- Docu signed by NGUYEN THANG (ORBAT holds THANG as the OC Security Sect CHAU DUC).

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2. A circular, dated 1970, signed by TRAN QUANG BON, Dep Comd D12 (probably HQ SR 4) was captured by RSSZ personnel at YSO70930 6 Nov 70.
3. It was directed to subordinate elements and provides guidance on the maint of wpns and military eqpt.
4. To solve part of the logistic difficulties, considerable efforts were to be made to collect enemy (ie our) dud bombs and shells to manufacture weapons.
5. The circular admonished friendly forces (ie VC) for failing to realise the concept of self sufficiency in guerilla warfare. The VC were relying on higher HQ for wpns and mil eqpt and make no effort to capture en (ie our) weapons and material. (1 ATF Note: This provides a clear confirmation of the weapon and ammunition supply difficulties within SR - 4).
6. During the past year (1969), the number of friendly weapons (ie en) lost, greatly exceeded the number of en wpns captured. Wpns were abandoned, damaged because of poor maintenance, and captured because of poor concealment.
7. To overcome the current logistic difficulties and to carry out sustained attacks D12 (HQ SR-4) was to initiate a campaign to control maintenance tightly, to collect en dud bombs and shells, and to budget ammo.
8. The amount of ammo used in each attack conducted by hy wpns elements was to be approved by D12 (HQ SR-4) in advance. B4Os and B41s were not to be used to attack enemy infantry elements, and the quantity of ammunition expended in combat was to be proportional to the number of en casualties.  
1 ATF COMMENT: This parallels an order by BA LONG HQ approx 5-6 months ago, that B4Os were not to be used against infantry unless en were caught in an ambush.

ANNEX C TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 339/70  
DATED 5 DEC 70

AGENT REPORT

1. Ref para 3.a.(2)(a) of this report:  
BINH BA Police Chief states that the gp of en wdr to the north moving east of road, cut across Route 2 near DUC MY village and then wdr west.

ANNEX E TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 339/70  
DATED 5 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
051625H	YS769721 YS780707	Footprints on track one week old mov NE to SW. Track junction shows recent activity. All tracks appear to be used in past 2 weeks.
051640H	YS772667 E74-76 N71-73	Footprints of approx 10-15 people in vic of old graves. No sign of recent activity.
051643H	YS814743 YS803735 YS806739 YS800738	Footprints of approx 5 pers one weeks old in muddy area near stre Footprints on track in vic of swamp; track runs NE to YS809744. Fork in above track leads 25m south to lie up area for approx 10 pers. Appears to be at least one week old. Fork in above track leads NW to area of 5 old huts which are under repair. COMMENT. This is in vic of SAS contacts and en activity in early Nov
051710H	YS489679	A short elephant track running north-south, dir of mov unk. There is a well defined foot track that has been used recently by many people, leading out of the rubber at YS496664, running north initially in conjunction with a clear ox cart track. Foot track joins the marked track at YS499679.



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DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
051330H	YS233664 YS233668	Track continues north to YS499689 where it was lost. Fresh tracks along river bank. Tracks around the banks of all the creeks in area.
2. - 5.	Omitted.	

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 340/70
2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO JUDY

(a) Late report. (051130H) At YS 239658, 3/V/2RAR/NZ loc and destroyed a of 3 bunkers 6 x 6 with 2ft OHP, 1 stone house, a sleeping platforms and 1 large kitchen. Entry/exits to the SE, SW and East (to a poss boat landing pt). The camp was in good condition, est to be 6 months old and last used 2-4 days ago by approx 20-25 persons. Recovered were 2 fishing rods, 1lb of local explosive and 2 letters.

(b) Prior to 061340H. Ptl from 1/V/2RAR/NZ loc at YS397629 reported smoke rising in the area of YS364657. Ac investigated area but nothing sighted.

(2) AO MICE

(a) Late report. (052330H) At YS470891, ptl from Aslt Pnr/Sp/2 RAR/NZ engaged 6-10 en who approached their AP from the south. En wdr south with results unk. At 060015H the ptl again engaged an unk number of en who approached their AP. Movement around the perimeter continued until 060114H. An early morningsweep revealed nil results for both engagements.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) Reference contact of Aslt Pnr Sp Coy 2RAR/NZ at YS435891 on 5 Dec 70 at 1923H (INTSUM 339/70, para 3.a.(1) (c)). The ptl conducted a sweep of the contact area and located a second body dressed in blue trousers and dark blue shirt. Docs. were recovered from the second body (See Annex B) Total results of this contact : 2 VC KIA (BC)

(b) (061000H) At YS438891, after reports of lights being signalled between a house at this loc and en enemy ptl ambushed by Sp Coy 2RAR/NZ (refer previous para). 1 VN women and child were detained (See Annex A).

(4) 1 ARU BASE DEFENCE AREA

(a) (061200H) At YS447647, ptl from 2/V/2RAR/NZ loc a very old tunnel system with one 15m long tunnel, still in good condition. Remainder of system in poor condition and it could not be determined when it was last used. System to be destroyed.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

(1 - 3) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

c. Detainees

(1, 2, 3, 4, 6) Omitted

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation 2

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured Refer 3a (1) (a)

(b) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA 4 VC

(2) Omitted

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(4) Omitted

(5) Individual Wpns Action -1

(6) Crew Served Wpns Action -1

(7 - 21) Omitted

(22) SA rds 575

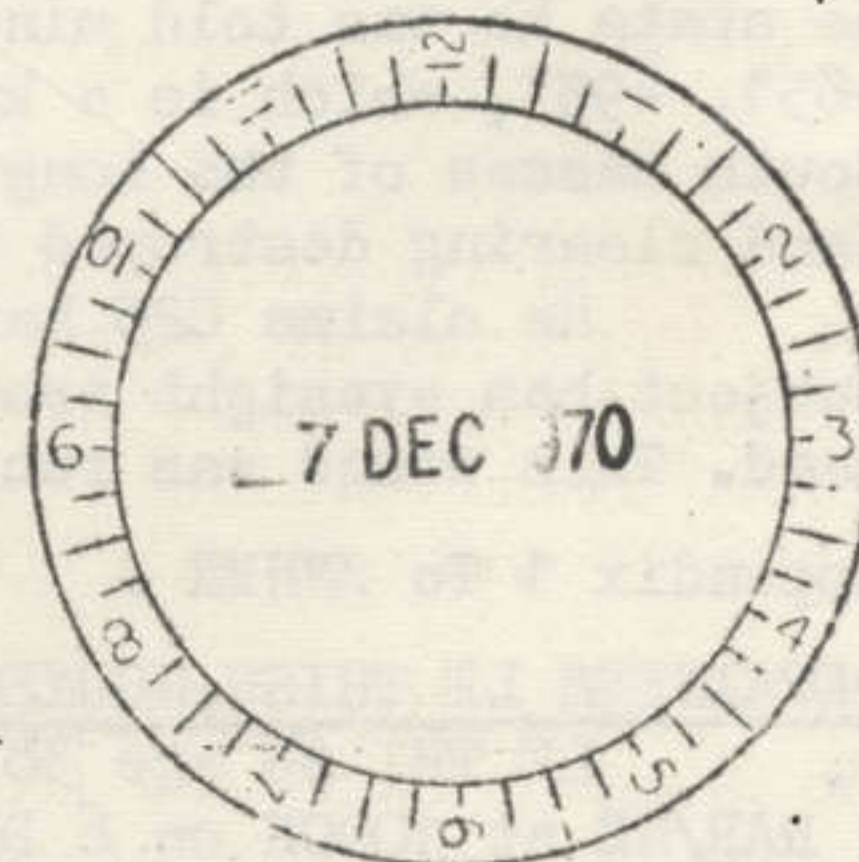
(23) GRENADES 3

(24) Omitted

(25) AT Mines 1

(26) TNT 1 lb

(27) Omitted



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5, 6, 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70

9, 10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, c, d, e. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 338/70 (a) a. Para 3a (2) (a), amend grid ref to read "YS471894"

(2) Ref INTSUM 339/70 (a) Para 4 F(b) delete all ref. (b) ANNEX E, sighting at YS800738, amend "under repair" to read "in bad condition".

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

1. (052215H and 052345H) Ac sighted a veh at YS570765 and YS524752 Veh was then engaged by DUC THANH Arty. NFI.

2. (060735H) At YS537568, a cow detonated an Atk mine of 23-35lb CHICOM explosive resulting in 1 CIV WIA. The mine was emplaced in the middle of the road.

3. (062103H) At YS504557, 480 RF recived sa fire from an unk number of en who wdr SE. Nil cas. NFI.

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ANNEXES

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports

ANNEX B - Captured Documents

Distribution:

List A, HQ IIFV, MACV-J2, MACV-CICV, RTAVF, 18 ARVN Div, 3 Tac Fighter Wing  
12 Cbt Avn Gp, BIEN HOA TAC, Advisory Team 48, Sector S2, 25 US Div, 2/25 US Bde.

ANNEX A TO (INTERROGATION)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM 340/70  
dated 6 Dec 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

Reference: A. 1 ATF Intsum 339/70 para 11 f, (2).

Name : CAO VAN CHOT  
DTPB : 1948, PHUOC HAI  
Rank/Appt : Sect 2IC, Admin Sect  
Unit : C25 Conc Coy, Long Dat

Exploited Info

1. Subject now claims to know nothing of mines reported earlier in Ref A although he state he was told mines were laid along the East fare of HONVUNG peaks (YS4950, 4851, 4951, which is a known mined area) and in the cleared trail between the north and South masses of the Long Hais, "where they were near the creek before the Australian land clearing destroyed them".

2. He claims C25 has sufficent food for its needs as well as a resevue. The subject has eyesight trouble caused by a claymore pallet embeded in the back of his head. This wound was recived 7 or 8 months ago.

Appendix 1 To ANNEX A INTERROGATION REPORTS

DETAINEES LE THISU, NGUYEN THI DIEP

1. LE THI SU age 38 years and NGUYEN THI DIEP age 12, were detained by sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ at 1000H on 6 Dec 70. They were suspected of signalling, with lights from their house to the en ptl which had been ambushed by 2RAR/NZ.

2. The young girl, NGUYEN THI DIEP was detained for having in her possession, an excessive amount of food. It is throught that she will probably be released.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Voice mission over areas E72-82 N66-76; E46-48 N49-55. Themes were message to illegal residents (farmers in area E of XUYEN MOC) and family appeal. Broadcast time 3 hrs.

b. RF Operations

Combined 7 RAR and RF APs in DAT DO District.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 30,000 Sqmeters cleared  
MCT 1800 Sqmeters. 1 Slot completed and 1 Slot commenced - 5xM16 Mines destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail

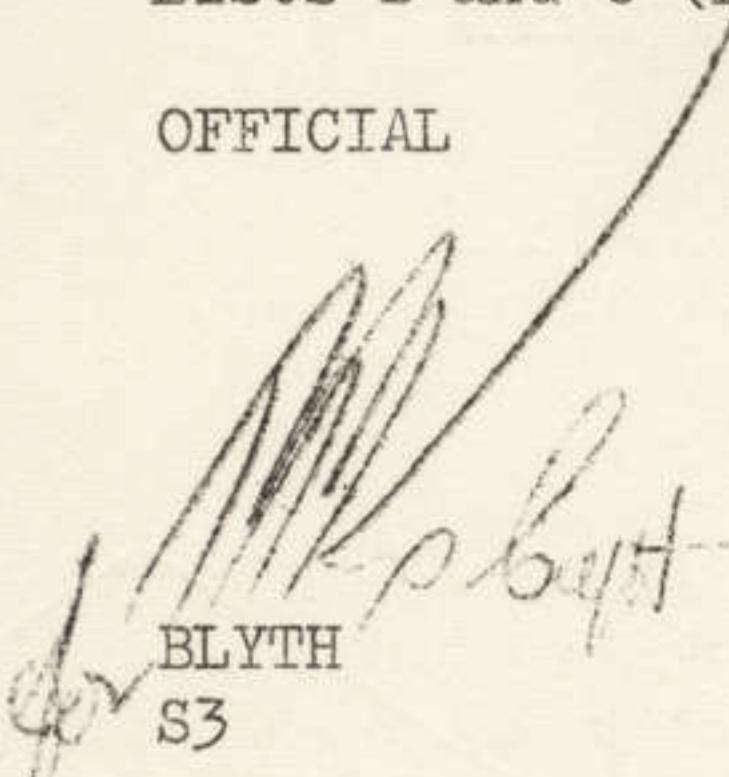
a. Rainfall 27 points  
b. Prevailing Winds 202 deg at 03 knots  
c. Temperature 81.30 deg F  
d. Humidity 86%

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CG 18 ARVN Div  
SA 18 ARVN Div  
2/25 Bde  
3 Bde 1st Air Cav  
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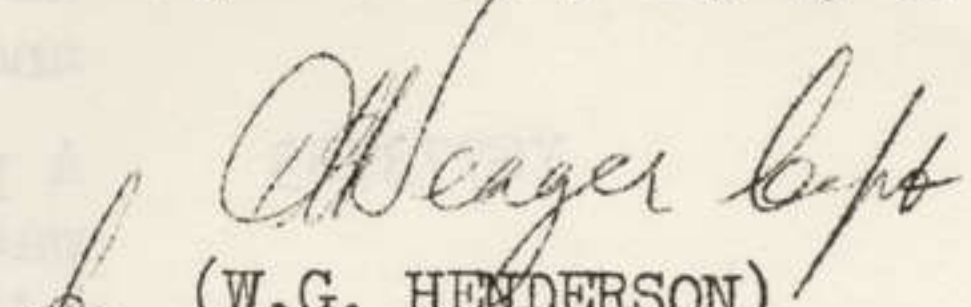


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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 341/70.
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H DEC 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
  - a. b. Omitted
4. a. b. c. d. e. Omitted
  - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA 4 VC	(23) GRENADES 3	2, 4, 6 to 21, 24,
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(25) AT MINES 1	27 Omitted
(5) Individual Wpns Action 1	(26) TNT 11b	
(22) SA rounds 575		
5. 6. 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.
9. 10. Omitted
11. Micellaneous
  - a. Omitted
  - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
    - (1) Ref INTSUM 340/70
      - (a) Para 3a (1) (a), amend "a sleeping platforms" to read "9 sleeping platforms".
      - (b) Para 3a (3), amend AO to "AO MICE".
      - (c) Para 4 f (6), delete all ref.
  - c. Omitted
  - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
  - e. Omitted
  - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) LATE REPORT: (061745H) At YS 367722 ac sighted 2 pers in light clothing and 1 pers in black moving NW into hy jungle.
    - (2) (Prior to 071844H) At YS 445525, MSF sighted 10VC, eng by 81 mm mortars. NFI.

  
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ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports

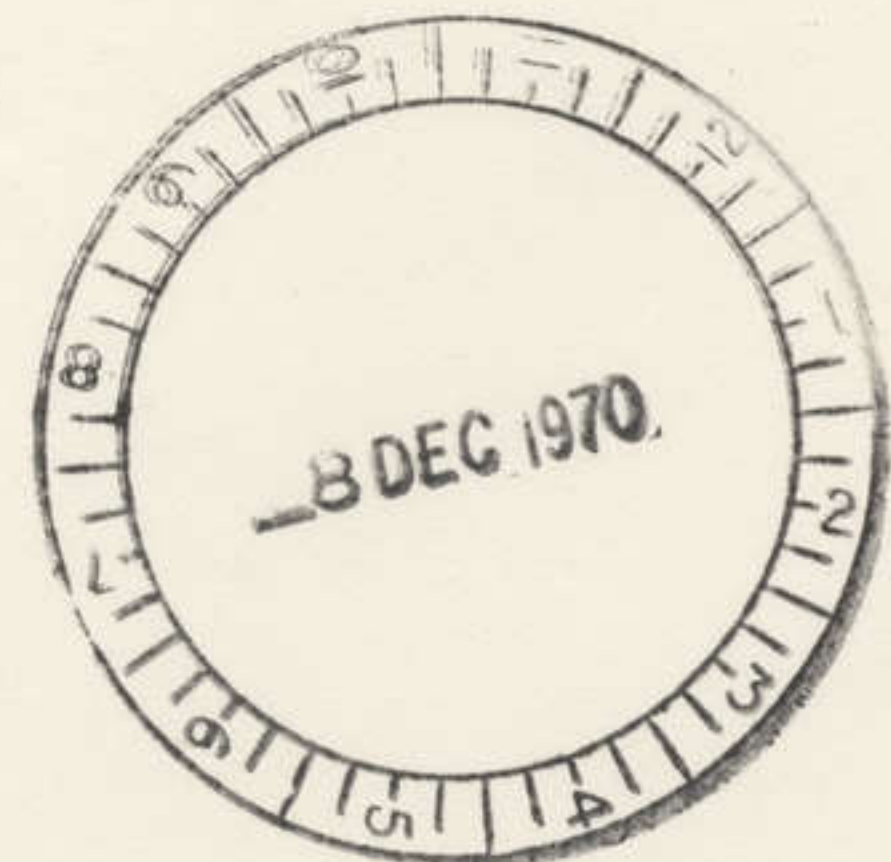
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A  
 HQ II FFORCE V  
 MACV-J2  
 MACV-CICV  
 RTAVF

18 ARVN Div  
 3 Tac Fighter Wing  
 12 Cbt Avn Gp  
 BIEN HOA TAC  
 Advisory Team 48

Sector S2  
 25 Div  
 2/25 Bde



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ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 341/70  
DATED 7 DEC 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

1. Further interrogation of PHAM VAN VY, who was WIA by SAS 1 Dec 70, has been carried out (See Annex A to 1 ATF INTSUM 339/70). VY's medical condition in hospital remains poor.
  2. The subject has changed his story slightly.
  3. He now says he was going to tend his gardens and check his fish traps with NGUYEN THI PHAT (KIA) when they met, a VC named DUONG (aged 30, KIA) who was carrying a VC rifle. When they arrived at a stream they were all ambushed.
  4. DUONG (unit/appointment/rank unknown) came to BAU HAM about 3 months ago. VY did not know DUONG very well and did not know where he camped. However the subject did know there was a camp approx 400m from where he was ambushed. He doesn't know who, or how many were there.
  5. The subject had not personally seen any movement or tracks in the area, although there were signs of movement. He doesn't know who moved in the area, or where they were going.
- 1 ATF Comments: As the subject's health improves further interrogation will be carried out. This may take several weeks, because of VY's condition. However his account of the contact is a variance with that of the SAS patrol commander, and it is not yet accepted that VY is simply an illegal farmer as claimed by him.

ANNEX E TO  
1 ATF INTSUM No 341/70  
DATED 7 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
070810H	E 70-73 N 71-74	VERY thick canopy in area - nil significant sightings.
071200H	YS742778	An old camp which showed no signs of recent activity, although the tracks within the camp are clearly visible and wooden framework could be seen.
	YS773783	A pit 6' x 2½' x 2' - No camouflage on the pit, nor was there any rubbish such as leaves in it or any soil nearby. There was some clearing under the trees in the area.
	YS768778	A small track was loc and followed ESE to where it joined the road at YS 777773.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 342/70.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Dec 70.

Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO JUDY

(a) (081405H) At YS413762, Ptl from 5/b/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a well defined track going from E to SW. Estimated not used within last 2 days.

(b) (081850H) At YS260629 JADE reported ground fire of approx 12 rds Fighter also reported ground fire whilst on run in at 081900H. En ground fire was directed at ac tasked for airstrike. See para 11f (2).

(2) AO SADIE

(a) (081625H) At YS404647, a ptl from 104 Sig Sqn op con A/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) detained 1 pers with a Lambretta loaded with rice. Pers had no ID card. Div Int Unit interpreter investigated and found all papers in order except the ID card. Detainee was later able to produce ID card and was released.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (081930H) At YS465538 Bushranger 73 thought he sighted muzzle flashes whilst Possum was marking tgt. Area engaged by rockets.

(b) (081145H approx) At YS501574, 480 RF Coy and MCT located a bundle of bamboo slats poss used for a stretcher. It appears that who ever used stretcher bleada lot as a blouse or skirt was found on stretcher, also bloodstained, and could have been used as a dressing. Sweep revealed a cannister approx size of M16 mine containing a substance that appears to be an explosive. Further details to follow in INTSUM 343/70.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	* DAMAGE	FRIENDLY
081850H	YS260629	UNK	12 rds	UNK	RESPONSE

B  
E. Combat Sky  
Spot.

DAMAGE CODE: 1 Neg hits, 2 Lightdamage, 3 Moderate damage, 4 Downed, 5 Crashed.

RESPONSE CODE: A- No response. B- returned fire with organic weapons, C- Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems (specify)

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E

4. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) KIA VC 4                    | (22) SA rounds 575 |
| (2) Omitted                     | (23) GRENADES 3    |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1                 | (24) Omitted       |
| (4) Omitted                     | (25) AT Mines 1    |
| (5) Individual Wpns<br>Action 1 | (26) TNT 1 lb      |
| (6-21) Omitted                  | (27) Omitted       |



5. 6. 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

9. 10. Omitted.



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11. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (081010H) At YS748739 an A/S on 2 tunnel entrances, bombs within 40 metres of tgt. BDA carried out but results could not be determined (see Annex E(b))

(2) (081840H) At YS260629 an A/S. BDA not able to be carried out because of darkness.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

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HQ IIFV	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 US Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team	

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 342/70  
DATED 3 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
(a) 081200H	YS507918	Fresh digging sighted. A pit 3'x6"x6" was observed but no use determined.
	YS505926	Camp type track system under canopy, many clear areas.
(b) 071000H	YS792754	A large lie up area in vic of a recently destroyed hut. Numerous tracks in open area made by many people standing around in group. Heavy tracks led S, NE and NW from loc and appeared less than 1 week old.
	YS785755	
	YS740718	A very heavy track 1-2 weeks old from YS740718 running N to YS740738.
	YS749738	Holes reported on 4 Dec 70 are definite tunnel entrances (A/S conducted, see para 11f (1)). A VR in area immediately after A/S observed 1 track showing recent mov N of tgt, from YS747744 to track junction at YS 753740 then S to YS753738. Only light mov on track.
(c) 081415H	YS721753	A track with recent mov S through a lie-up area in a small clump of trees at YS714736; E through another small clump of trees at YS720737; and S to YS717728. Mov made by small party mov S approx 3 days old.
	YS699718	Track by small part mov NE through YS697721 to YS694725, where it joined junction of timber cutters tracks. Extensive timber cutting in area. Many veh tracks in area.

2.3.4. Omitted.

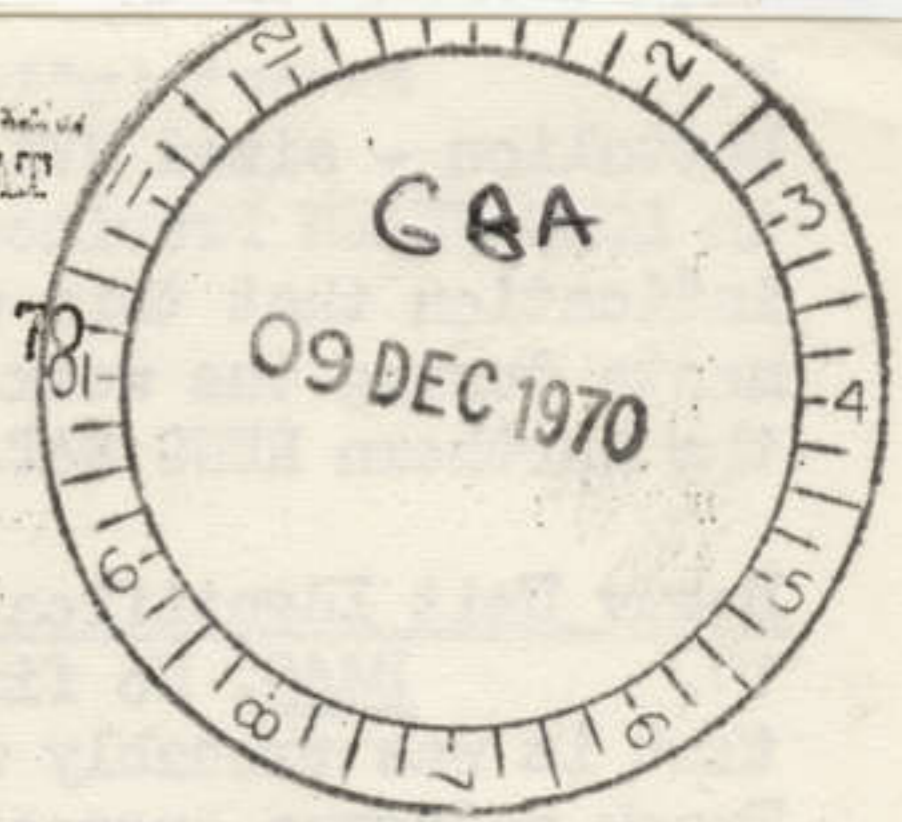
5. APD (Sniffer)  
DTG

080730H AREA E 73-77 N 72-80 There were nil significant readings in this area, however there were fresh tracks in the vicinity of YS729757 and YS735773.

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1 ATF SUPERREP 18/70  
(PERIOD 30 NOV - 6 DEC 70)

MR 3

Enemy Activity

1. A limited enemy high point occurred in MR 3 and in neighbouring areas to the east on 29 Nov. Although there was therefore an increase in activity in MR 3 during the past week, the general level of activity is still considered low.
2. On 29 Nov an attack, previously reported, occurred on XUYEN MOC. On the same day US troops south of PHUOC VINH (XT 965415) were engaged by an unknown size enemy force, and a fire Support Base (XF 581501) near DAU TIENG received a mortar attack and a ground probe. The most significant enemy action occurred in neighbouring enemy MR6 where, also on 29 Nov, the enemy launched fourteen attacks by fire and three ground attacks resulting in 14 friendly troops killed and 37 wounded, and five civilians killed and twelve wounded, as well as equipment losses. Two enemy were confirmed killed. The most notable enemy actions in MR6 were a 30 man attack upon an RF post 15 Km NE of HAM TAN ZS 160890 preceded by B40, mortar and small arms fire; and an estimated enemy company ambush of an RF convoy nearby (ZS 074840).
3. Again in MR6 on 29 Nov, terrorists entered a hamlet (YT 834376) and abducted seven civilians although the enemy were engaged by RF troops. This incident reflects a recent increase in terrorism in BINH TUY Province. The latest figures available are for the week ending 25 Nov, during which 18 people were abducted, 10 were killed and 10 wounded in terrorist incidents. Over the preceding fortnight there had been only five reported abductions.
4. On 27 Nov three kilometres north-west of XUAN LOC, Government PSDF personnel, in co-ordination with an enemy force, attacked a PF platoon compound resulting in five friendly killed, seven wounded, five missing and 21 weapons missing. This incident may be an example of the enemy's successful penetration of some PSDF units.
5. In SAIGON there was only one terrorist incident during the week, when a charge of 4.4 lbs was detonated inside a building. There were no casualties.

Friendly Activity

6. On 27 Nov ARVN forces contacted an unknown size enemy force 13 Kms SSE of LONG THANH (YS 200800) killing 13 enemy who may have been members of DIO VC Water Sapper Battalion.

Assessment

7. The recent high point was not sustained, but the enemy has demonstrated a continuing ability to initiate co-ordinated offensive activity. It is probable that enemy initiated activity in the Military Region will remain at a low level during the coming week at least.

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8. There has been no change to the current low level of activity involving 1 ATF. During the week 1 ATF troops have been involved in five ground contacts, resulting in four enemy killed and one captured.

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9. Recent indications have confirmed earlier reports of the presence of a battalion - sized NVA element, which is strongly suspected to be 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt, in LONG KHANH Province near the PHUOC TUY Province border. There is as yet no indication that this unit is about to undertake offensive activity. Other developments during the week have included losses sustained by an enemy hospital unit in the northern RUNG SAT.

#### Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

10. D445. No firm identification has been made of D445. It is still believed that it was probably elements of this unit which attacked XUYEN MOC on 25 Nov. Track patterns suggest that the attackers have withdrawn to the east and north. On 1 Dec an SAS patrol in the BAU HAM area (YS 694855) captured one enemy who may be able to provide further information on D445. The interrogation is continuing.

11. CHAU DUC continues successfully to avoid contact, and only one report has been received recently of a possible infiltration into a hamlet by elements of CHAU DUC (into LONG HUONG on the night 25/26 Nov)

12. LONG DAT is known still to be in the LONG HAIS.

13. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. A Special Agent report indicates that an enemy unit believed to be 3 Bn 33 NVA Regiment has moved to an area approximately 10,000 metres north-east of the COURTENAY rubber plantation (approximate area YS 5697). Captured documents, recent heavy track activity including the sighting of NVA boot prints, and searching of bunker complexes have provided further evidence of the probable presence of this unit. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt appears to have moved into this area over a period of several months from its former AO in western BINH TUY Province. This move tends to correspond with information obtained from the interrogation of CAO VAN CAM, the former Political Officer of C25 LONG DAT Company (see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 para 13). CAM has stated that while en route to attend his political training course in LONG KHANH Province he had met the Political Officer of D445 south of the MAY TAOS. The latter had informed CAM that a "9 Battalion", which we believe to be 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt, had been placed under command of HQ BA LONG Province in July, as a replacement unit for the now disbanded D440. The detachment was to be for an indefinite period and 3 Bn was to operate in LONG KHANH Province, while D445 was to operate in PHUOC TUY. The battalions were to be mutually supporting if the operational requirement arose. It is unusual for an NVA unit to be placed under command of a Province Headquarters and further information will be sought as to the possible subordination of 3 Bn to HQ BA LONG Province.

#### Contact with Hospital Unit in the RUNG SAT.

14. On 2 and 3 Dec RUNG SAT Special Zone RF troops, acting in response to a PW report which followed from the successful operations against D10 Water Sapper Battalion west of THAI THEIN (1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 para 12), killed 16 enemy in a series of contacts in the northern RUNG SAT. Captured documents confirm that the VC contacted were staff and patients of medical units subordinate to Military Hospital K76A which is believed still to have its headquarters in the MAY TAOS. The patients are believed to have been from SR4 units.

#### Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

15. It is to be expected that 3 Bn 33 NVA Regiment will be targetted mainly against friendly units in LONG KHANH Province. The possibility exists of attacks against opportunity targets in northern PHUOC TUY, although no evidence exists to show that this might occur in the near future. Troops believed to be of 3 Bn who were sighted on 23 Nov in LONG KHANH were seen to be wearing new green uniforms, were carrying AK47 rifles, packs and RPG rounds and were observed to have fresh haircuts. There have been reports of low morale in 33 Regt units, but there is no indication that morale is sufficiently low to hamper combat effectiveness.

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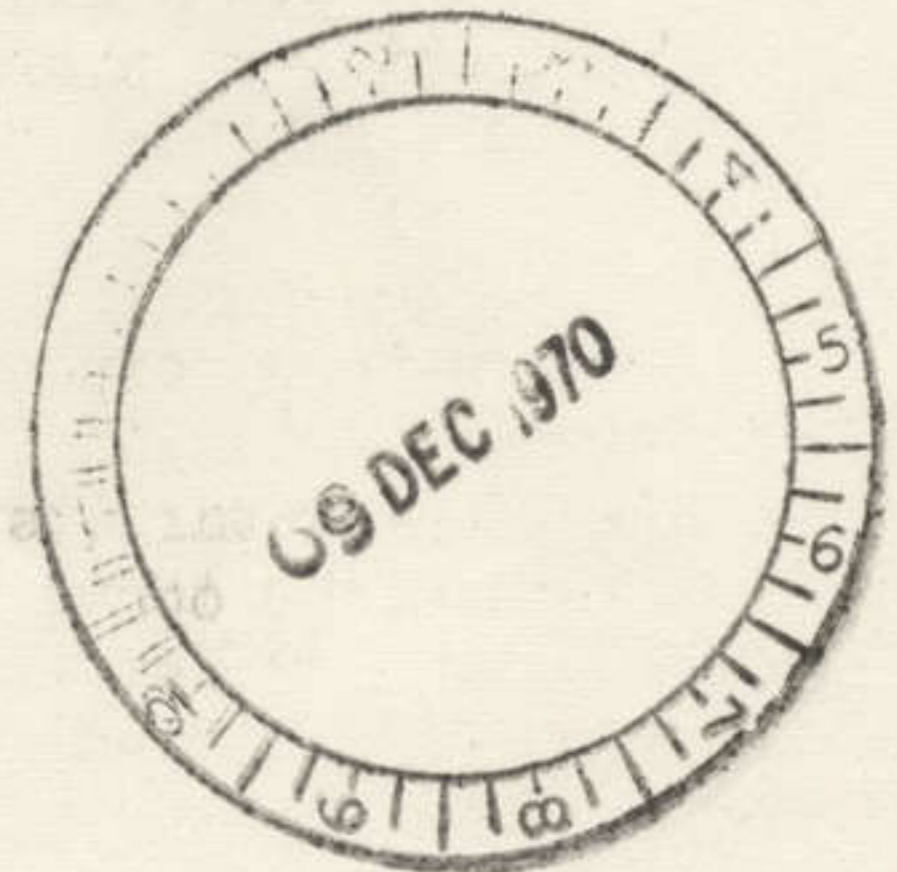
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16. With regard to D445, a document captured recently at NUI BE (YS805918) made reference to a requirement for D445 to prepare for possible attacks on Australian units in October. Although this month is past, on previous indications it is possible that these proposed attacks probably by fire may be carried out when the dry season becomes established.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 343/70.

2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Dec 70.

Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (090705H) at YS534560, ptl from 3/A/7 RAR detonated an M16 mine buried 6 ins below the surface. Cas: 2 Aust WIA.

(b) (090717H) at YS731694, 4/B/7 RAR received 12x60mm mortar rounds followed at 0725 hrs by a ground assault by 25-30 en sp by M60 and RPG fire. En threw two grenades. Bushranger ac eng en and received ground fire resulting in one ac being required to make a forced landing (at YS749670). En wdr to NE and E. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 Aust WIA, 1 set webbing and 2 unexpended RPG rds CIA. 4 en were seen to fall in initial engagement. From hy blood trails it is est that a minimum of 7 en were WIA by ground action and air. At 0908 hrs ac received burst of SA fire from area YS7470. At 1418 hrs pl found two gun posns in bunker complex which had been used as 12.7mm HMG posts. (Evidenced by expended and live cartridges).

Comment: For identification details of en KIA see Annex B. For details of neighbouring bunker complexes subsequently searched see para 3. a. (1) (c). It is believed that en attacking group were probably K9 Coy of D440 which is believed to have been under command of D445 since late Aug/early Sep 70. The mortar fire was probably from the wpn organic to K9. Presence of 12.7 mm suggests C4 Hy Wpns Coy D445; and the large number of en est to have been in the nearby bunker complex suggests that other elms of D445 were probably present.

(c) (091355H) at YS742699 to YS749700, B/7 RAR loc a base camp covering an area 700x350m, comprising 90 bunkers with 2 ft OHP, 2 circular A.A. gun posns, 2 mor pits, 20 cooking areas and 4 wells. One third of the camp was about 12 months old, the remainder being of recent const with some of the bunkers currently UC. Tracks led from East to West and also to the NW. The camp was est to have been occupied by 80-100 VC until mid-day today, and again just prior to discovery today by a lesser no of en, incl 7 wounded members. Recovered were a qty of items incl docus (refer para 4. e. (2) (a) for items). Camp to be destroyed.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (091600H) at YS338788, 8/C/2 RAR/NZ loc a camp of 4 bunkers with 2 ft OHP previously sighted from ac. The camp was est 18 months old, last used 6-12 months ago and in a poor condition. Tracks lead to North, East and West.

(b) (091944H) at YS437633, ptl from 3/A/2 RAR/NZ sighted 2 people on an oxcart which then moved to YS435629. At the latter loc, 2 people alighted from the oxcart and wdr in an unk direction. NFI.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RES</u>
090750H	YS731694	Unk	Unk	4	B	Unk
090908H	YS7470	Unk	Unk	2	B	Unk

DAMAGE CODE: 1-Neg hits, 2-Light damage, 3-Moderate damage, 4-Downed, 5-Crashed.

RESPONSE CODE: A-No response, B-Returned fire with organic weapons, C-Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems.



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(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured. At YS742699, 20 rds 12.7mm, 4 sandbags of explosives, 2 RPG rds, 2xM79 CS rds, 2xshirts of the type worn by RF, 2xnew US gas masks still in original containers.

Comment: The gas masks and M79 CS rds may have been seized during the attack on XUVEN MOC RF Post on 29 Nov (see INTSUM 334/70).

b. Omitted.

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) KIA - 5VC.             | (20) 12.7mm rounds - 20. |
| (2) Omitted.               | (21) Omitted.            |
| (3) Hoi Chanh - 1.         | (22) SA rounds - 575.    |
| (4) Omitted.               | (23) Grenades - 5.       |
| (5) <u>Individual Wpns</u> | (24) Omitted.            |
| Action 1                   | (25) AT mines - 1.       |
| (6)-(18) Omitted.          | (26) TNT - 21 lb.        |
| (19) B-40 rounds - 2.      | (27) Omitted.            |

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
090705H	YS534560	M16	2 Aust WIA

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. Reference 1 ATF INTSUM 314/70 dated 10 Nov 70, para 11. f. (1), which reported an incident in which a ptl from 2/25 Bde engaged 2 en, resulting in 1 VC KIA. The KIA was identified as NGO VAN PHAT aka NGO HONG PHAT, a Pl Comd of A6/D65 MF Engr Bn.

Comment: D65 Engr Bn has been previously reported as having left 1 ATF TAOR, and moved to the vicinity of the MAY TAO Mts. Following the discovery of an engineer training school in the MAY TAO area, it is possible that D65 has undergone re-organisation and is providing engr cadre for the training of soldiers and units in BA LONG Province. When D445 was in its training area South of the MAO TAO Mts a PW had reported that a coy from D445 was proceeding to the MAY TAOs to undergo sapper training. It is possible that they were to be trained by elements of D65 Engr Bn. PW TAM, (INTSUM 309/70) stated that A2 BA LONG Engr Coy had been formed when D65 Engr Bn left PHUOC TUY, and that some of the ranking cadre were from D65 Engr Bn. The reason for PHAT to be in the area of YS498876 is not known.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

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9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a.b.c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late report (082000H) at ONG TRINH, NGUYEN DUC KICH rallied to 180 Arty Bn. See Annex A.

(2) (091200H) at YS715671, ac sighted 3-4 people with 3 ox carts and 3-4 head of cattle.

(3) (091145H). Further to the A/S on YS260629 (reported in INTSUM 342/70 para 11. f. (2)), VR ac sighted 1 en KBA. However, further checks of the area failed to locate the body again.

(4) (092105H) at YS427596, 495 PF Pl contacted 3-4 VC who approached from the North. En returned fire with approx 30 rds of AK47 fire before wdr in an unk direction. Res unk.

(5) (092300H) HOA LONG/<sup>report</sup> an expected infiltration into AP TAY, HOA LONG, after 100430 hrs. The expected en str is 3 pers.

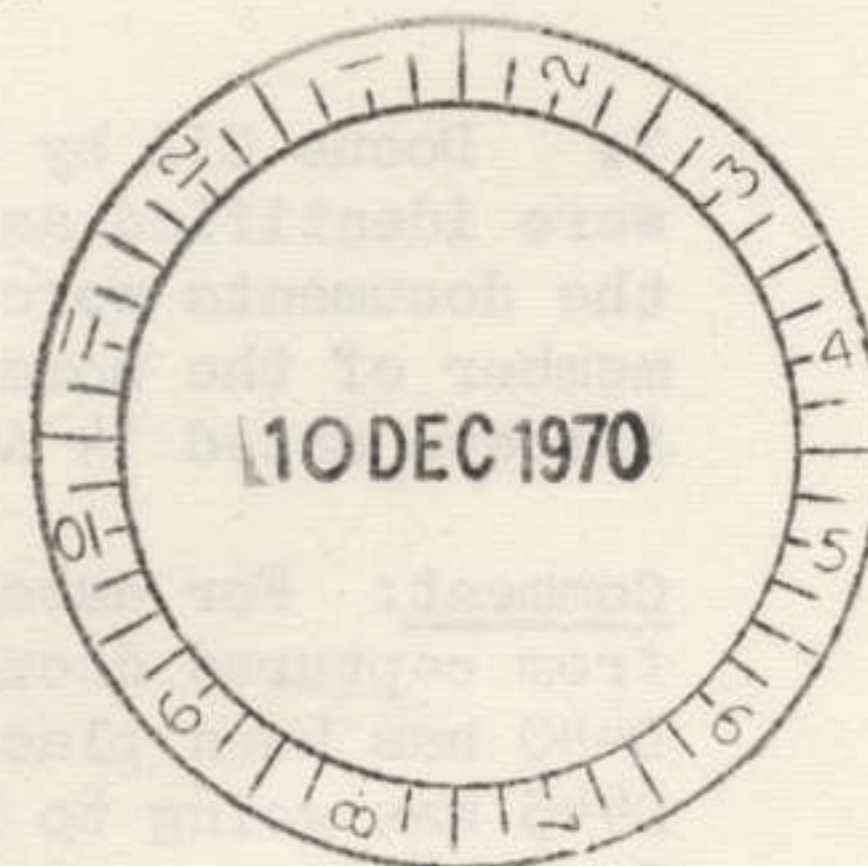
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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	



ANNEX A  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 343/70  
DATED 09 Dec 70

INITIAL INTERROGATION REPORT  
PW NGUYEN DUC KICH

Biographical Data

1. Name : NGUYEN DUC KICH.  
D/POB : 1947, HAI PHONG, NVN.  
Unit : C1/C214 Hospital SR4.  
Rank/Appt : Corporal (NVA), Protection Section Leader.  
Receiving Unit: 180 Arty Bn.  
Date : 8 Dec 70.  
Location : ONG TRINH.

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Circumstances of Rally

2. On 020900 hrs Dec 70, the subject's camp at YS233687 was attacked by Allied Tps. (Comment: Refer INTSUM 337/70 para 11. f. (3)). The subject became separated from his comrades and fled towards NUI TOC TIEN where he became lost. On 8 Dec 70, he moved to ONG TRINH to collect some food and was induced to rally.

Exploited Info

3. The subject had become ill in May 70. He was sent to C214 to convalesce. On his improvement he became a member of the protection section for C214 Hospital, with the task of protecting the 28 patients who were recovering from wounds and illness. Of the patients that the subject was able to remember, the majority were North Vietnamese.

Supplies

4. C212 and C214 of SR4 obtained supplies from THAI THIEN. Once a month, approx 3 men would make 2 trips to THAI THIEN where they would liaise with SR4 rear services who organised the purchasing of rice from the agencies. On each trip, they would carry approx 50-60 litres of rice which was divided between the two hospitals. They endeavoured to supplement their diet by catching crabs and fish whenever they could.

Order of Battle

5. The subject gave limited Order of Battle summary of some units of SR4 which will be forwarded to RSSZ NHA BE. Info can be supplied to other consumers on request.

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ANNEX B

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus CIA by 4/B/7 RAR (batch no 463/70) at YS734694 on 9 Dec 70 on a body were identified as belonging to NGUYEN VAN SANG, Sect 2 IC, K9/D440. Included in the documents were a commendation certificate dated 15 Aug 70, a probationary member of the communist party certificate dated 15 Aug 70, and a promotion certificate dated 14 Aug 70.

Comment: For assessment of en in contact see para 3. a. (1) (b). The evidence from captured documents above tends to provide a further indication that a coy from D440 has been placed under command D445. PW PHACH (INTSUM 263/70) stated that C3/D445 was going to BA LONG Province to be trained as a sapper coy, and that a coy from D440 was going to take its place. From other HCs and PWs interrogations, it was established that the re-inforcement coy was to be either K8 or K9 of D440. It now appears likely that the replacement coy was K9.

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ANNEX C

TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 343/70  
DATED 09 Dec 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. (091230H) Agent report received DUC THANH eval VN C2.

At YS485729, source sighted 15 VC from CHAU DUC District Forces and BINH BA Guerilla Unit, fully armed with individual wpns. The VC held a propaganda meeting and told the people that they plan to attack the two PF Pls stationed in DUC TRUNG hamlet (YS453746).

Comment: Refer to previous reported sighting of 15 VC at YS472711 on 01 Dec, INTSUM 335/70 Annex C. Refer also to Annex E of this INTSUM, sighting of smoke columns in sq YS4872.

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ANNEX E  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 343/70  
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AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
090700H	YS260628	Fresh footprints seen throughout the area - made since this morning's high tide.
090851H	YS741700	Hy track seen at reference. Appeared again from under trees at YS746704.
091122H	YS742795	A track that appears to run NE.
091155H	YS742695	A track runs from this loc to YS743702, where it was lost. Appeared to have been made by a small party.
091400H	YS4872	Three smoke columns seen in this area. On investigation, sighted numerous tracks throughout the area.

2. - 5. Omitted.

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ANNEX F  
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PSY OPS INT

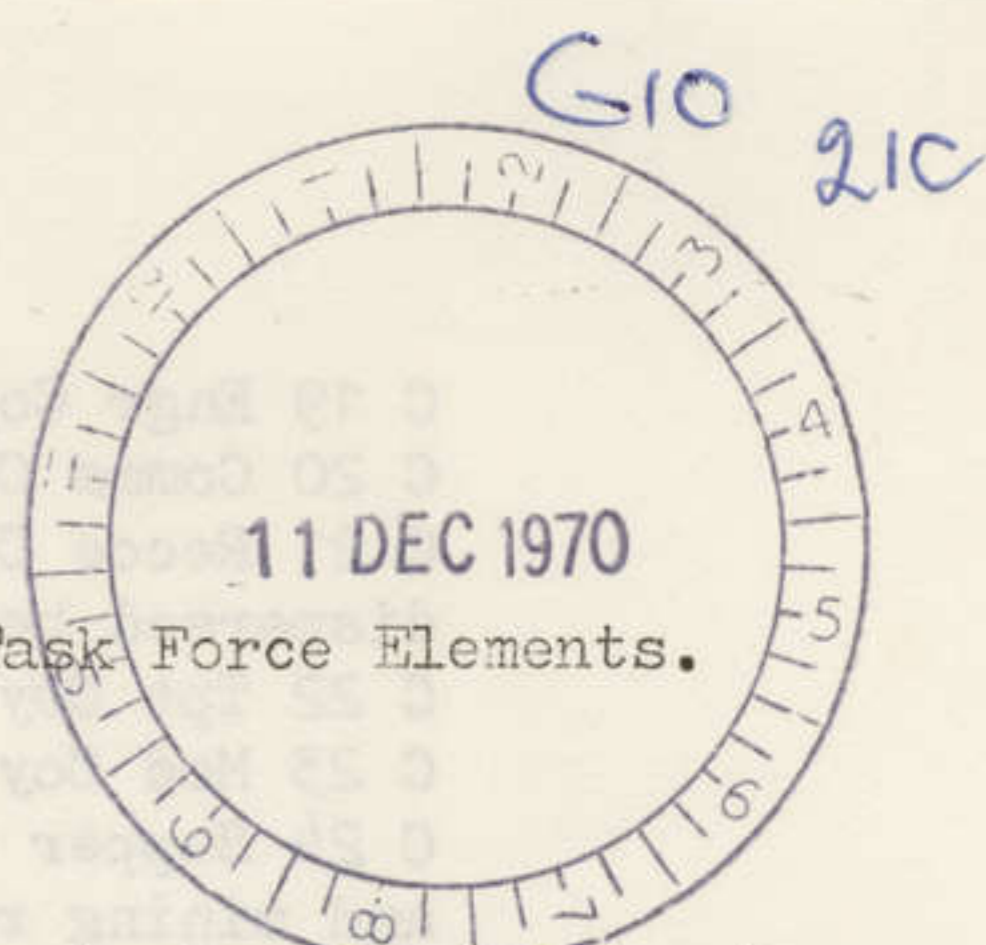
The Hamlets of NUI NHON (YS582633) and GO CAT (YS604638)

1. Officially these hamlets do not exist; they are intended to be used as temporary bases for the farmers tending the extensive rice padi in the area. They are not listed in the HES Summary, and there is no local civilian administrative body responsible for them.
2. In addition to the padi, however, there are many vegetable gardens, and a considerable tobacco crop. Many of the houses (87 in NUI NHON; 48 in GO CAT) are as substantial as those in permanent settlements, and it is thought that a high proportion of the 311 people in NUI NHON and the 215 in GO CAT intend to remain there.
3. 609 RF Coy provide protection for the area from the NUI NHON Post, and provide such administration as they can. ID card control is by the authorities in the villages from which the inhabitants originate.
4. There are 2 wells in NUI NHON, and 1 in GO CAT. The 7 large charcoal kilns in NUI NHON provide fuel for local consumption, and for marketing in DAT DO.
5. There is no school in the area; the children work the fields, or are used to look after the fairly large herds of cattle.
6. The area is thickly wooded to the immediate surrounds of the hamlets.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 344/70.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO NAOMI.

(a) Prior to 100710H. Further to the loc of the bunker system loc by B Coy 7 RAR reported in INTSUM 343/70 para 3a(1)(c): A further search revealed the area to be 1000 x 300M and that 30 additional bunkers were incl in the system.

(b) Ref INTSUM 342/70 para 3 a (3) (b). The cannister has been examined by 1 Fd Sqn and has been found to be a cannister from a USAF para-illumination flare. The substance inside the cannister was an illumination chemical which is basically a magnesium mixture normally used in para flares.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a,b,c,d,e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) KIA 5 VC                  | (21) Omitted       |
| (2) Omitted                   | (22) SA rounds 575 |
| (3) HOI CHANH 1               | (23) Grenades 5    |
| (4) Omitted                   | (24) Omitted       |
| (5) Individual Wpns: Action 1 | (25) AT Mines 1    |
| (6)-(18) Omitted              | (26) TNT 21 lbs    |
| (19) B-40 rounds 2            | (27) Omitted       |
| (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20        |                    |

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

a. For reference to the probable present loc of this bn East of BLACKHORSE see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70 para 13. Much of the following information is taken from 179 Military Intelligence Detachment Order of Battle Summary dated 2 Sep 70.

b. The CO of 3 Bn is Capt TRIEU KIM SON; POs are Capts PHAM VAN PHAN, PHAN TRONG DUONG and DINH VAN DAT. The unit is referred to as D3, J9 or D9.

<u>COY</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
HQ Coy	50	Sects: Mil staff, Political, Mail/Runner, Rear Svc, Med, Commo, Recce/Security.
C 9	40 - 45	) AK47s, RPGs, LMGs, grenades. At least two ) coys possess one 60 mm mortar each. )
C 10	40 - 45	
C 11	40 - 45	
C 12 Hy Wpns	45	2 x 82mm mor and at least 2 HMGs.

210-230 total

(Total strength 33 NVA Regt is 1200 approx.)

d. The bn may be sp by elms of fol coys of 33 Regt:

- C 16 Mor Coy 2 x 82mm mor
- C 17 RR Coy 3 x RR
- C 18 AA Coy Atleast 4 x HMG

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- C 19 Engr Coy (Str 40)
- C 20 Comms Coy
- C 21 Recce Coy aka V21. Possibly have 1 x 60mm mor. Str 45. Often widely dispersed before a large attack.
- C 22 Tpt Coy
- C 23 Med Coy
- C 24 Sapper Coy. Penetration of perimeters, destruction of key installations and mining roads. Str 58. Sachel charges, bangalore torpedoes.
- C 25 Convalescent Coy.

e. There have been reports of poor morale, but this is not sufficiently low to hamper combat effectiveness.

f. Tactics. Extensive recce is carried out prior to an attack, incl recce of wdr routes. Attacks are launched from several directions. Attacks on FSB's are usually launched by at least two coys sp by possibly three or more sp coys (usually C16, C17, C18 and C24). On 29 May 70 3 Bn attacked FSB SUN (199 LIB) in BINH TUY. LF units provided and also carried out diversionary attacks by fire. 41 en were killed. Usual tactics fol are to regroup at a pre-designated point and then wdr to base area. Biv sites are placed at least 500M from rds and 300M from streams. Open areas are crossed at night. In def a triangular fm is adopted, with pt of triangle facing towards en and Hy Wpns Coy and Bn HQ in centre. Each coy also adopts triangular fm. A common tactic is to expose several men to an oncoming en force in order to draw the en force into a planned ambush. Veh ambushing is also a favourite tactic of 33 Regt units.

g. From Nov 69 to Mar 70 3 Bn, with other 33 Regt units, took part in retraining and re-provisioning in BINH TUY. In Apr 70 the Regt went onto the offensive. 3 Bn's most significant contact was the attack on FSB SUN on 29 May. The Bn then was given the task of arranging <sup>sup</sup>for the Regt. The next contact with 3 Bn occurred on 30 Aug, when elms of 25 Inf Div contacted the unit 10km South of FSB MACE at YT583003. Docus captured included maps of allied installations. This identification indicated that the Bn had undertaken a radical movement West of its normal AO in BINH TUY. For an assessment of the probable reason for this move see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 of 8 Dec 70 para 13. Recent reports have indicated a further move of the battalion to the area of square YS5697, with elements possibly still further to the West in the area of Route 2 area YS4696 and approximately 5,000M to the South (area YS5794).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

9,10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections Previous INTSUMS. Ref INTSUM 343/70.

(1) Annex A. Amend reference to "PW" to read "RALLIER".

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. Prior to 092245H) XUYEN MOC reported RF compound at YS650674 received 1 round of B 40 fire that impacted at YS648674. RPG round appeared to be fired from YS644672.

(2) (102100H) At YS441588, 586 RF Coy contacted 6 VC who were moving North. After contact 3 VC wdr South towards mountains and other 3 ran into house area. Sweep of area revealed neg results.

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ANNEXES:

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ANNEX B -(CAPTURED DOCUMENTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 344/70  
DATED 10 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Reference: 1 ATF INTSUM 343/70 Para 3(a)(1)(c).

1. Documents captured in a bunker system by B Coy 7 RAR at YS744699 included the following:
  - a. Scrap of paper with name PHAN THANH BINH.
  - b. A letter (illegible) to BA TRI dated 26 Nov 70.
  - c. A letter to HAI.
  - d. A letter to TAM MINH (possibly 2IC XUYEN MOC District Unit).
  - e. A personal letter from TIE SAN.
  - f. A scrap of paper which mentions K8 (possibly the Hy Wpns Coy of the now disbanded D440 Bn) which has received some rice for 1 Bn (possibly D445) for Nov 70. The paper also has several signatures written by THANH TAM.
  - g. An ARVN ID Tag for TRUM TICH NO 35/066492.
  - h. A piece of paper with weapon no "1589860".
  - j. PRC-25 Battery Carton used as chess board with names - NGUYEN THI BINH, NGUYEN KIM THO, LE THANH NGHI - written on it.
  - k. Sketch of FUPs, direction of attack and assaulting formations (Target unknown - unable to be related to ground).
  - l. Paper with an address - 172 AP BINH LAC, and sketch.
  - m. Page from exercise book of TRAN VAN TAI of 106 SAIGON Med School.
  - n. Three pages from ARVN attendance record book.
  - o. Day duties list for 8 Nov 70 for an ARVN Coy.
  - p. Picquet roster for 14 Nov 70 for TRANH, NAM, LONG, LUYEN and LON.
  - q. Personal letters to CHI BE, CHI HAI, THU LE, and TU.
  - r. Personal history of NGUYEN VAN HUNG.
  - s. Meal allowance request for NGUYEN VAN CAU formerly of 3/615 RF Coy dated 21 Jan 69.
2. A large proportion of these papers appear to be from ARVN sources. Investigations into their origin will continue.

ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 344/70  
DATED 10 DEC 70

1. ARVN sources quote an agent report of Dec 70 to the effect that grid square YS4897 and the road passing NW from that point may be mined.  
 Comment: No reliability grading is yet able to be placed upon this report. However, refer to INTSUM 343/70 para 6. It is possible that the presence of PHAT, a Pl. Comd of A6/D65, in this area may be related to this mining activity

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 344/70  
DATED 10 DEC 70.

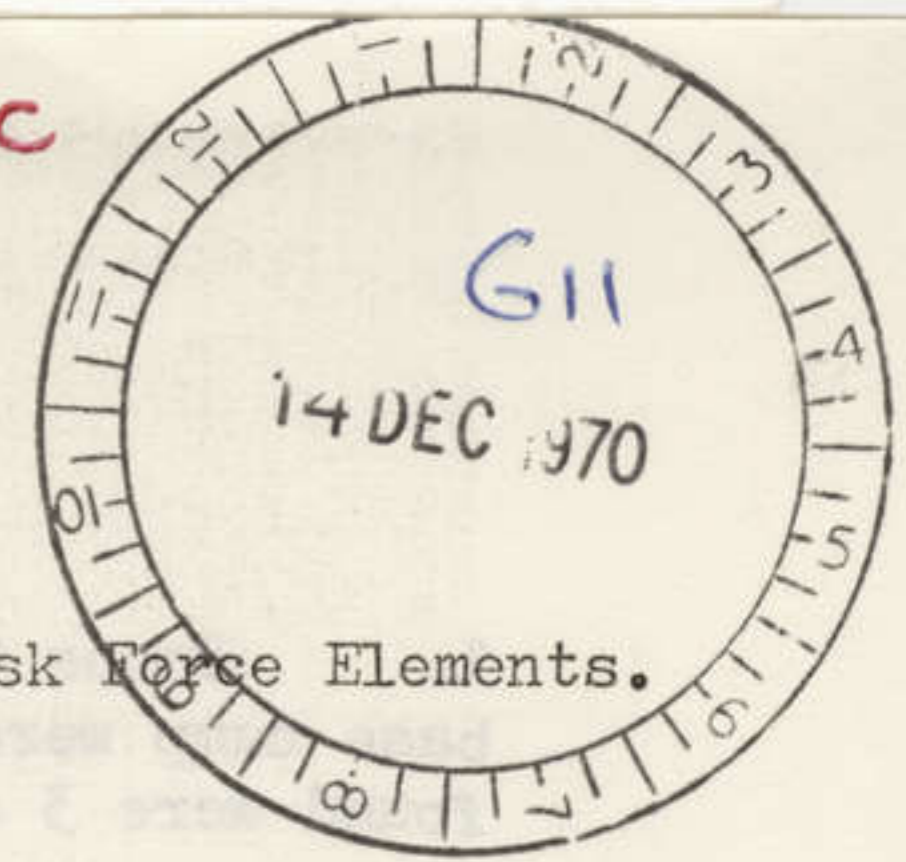
1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
101230H	YS765777	A hole in the ground, close to a bush, with dead grass around it and foot prints around the area. Some of the dead grass appears to have been pulled from the top of the hole.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 345/70.
- 2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) OTHER AREAS

- (a) Late Report. (102355H). At YS668676, 771 RF Coy eng poss en mov. NFI.
- (b) Prior to (111915H). 771 RF Coy at YS667683 received 2 rounds of unk type. Distance too great for B40 but rounds on a flat trajectory from west.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

- (2), (4), (6-18), (21), (24), (27). Omitted.
- (1) KIA 5 VC (20) 12.7mm rounds 20
- (3) Hoi Chanh 1 (22) SA rounds 575
- (5) Individual Wpns - Action 1 (23) Grenades 2
- Caches Nil. (25) AT Mines 1
- (19) B-40 rounds 2 (26) TNT 21 lbs

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 344/70.

- (a) Para 6.f. line 5, amend sentence "LF units .....by fire." to read "LF units provided guides and also carried out diversionary attacks by fire."
- (b) Para 6.f. line 6, amend "Usual tactics fol are ...." to read "Usual tactics following an attack are ...."
- (c) Annex C second line, amend YS4897 to read YS4987.

c.d.e.f. Omitted.

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ANNEXES: ANNEX B - Captured Documents  
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ANNEX B (Captured Documents) to 1 ATF  
INTSUM No. 345/70 dated 11 Dec 70.

1. Docus CIA by B Coy 7 RAR (batch no. 467/70) at YS749702 on 10 Dec 70 in a base camp were identified as probably belonging to D445 LF Bn. Amongst the docus found were 3 ARVN ID tags with 2 of them with the following names:
  - a. HOANG CAO THUAN
  - b. KHONG HUU TAO
2. The identity of the 2 persons is not yet known and inquiries are continuing.
3. Included on a piece of paper was the mention that on 15 Nov 70, 3 units, C2, C3 and C8 will start preparing for an operation. Comment: It is thought that C2 and C3 refer to the second and third rifle coys of D445 LF Bn, while C8 possibly refers to K8, the Hy Wpns Coy of the now apparently disbanded D440. It now seems a possibility that there are two coys (K8 and K9) from D440, or elms from these coys, now with D445. This is the first suggestion of such a deployment and more information will be required before the suggestion is accepted. It had previously been thought that either K8 or K9 was with D445. K9 was identified from a body with docus from the contact with 4 Pl B Coy 7 RAR at YS734694 on 9 Dec 70. (Refer INTSUM 343/70 Para 3.a.(1)(b)).
4. It seems likely that the docus referred to in para 3 relates to the attack on XUYEN MOC which took place on 29 Nov 70. (Refer INTSUM No. 334/70 Para 11.f.(2)).

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF  
INTSUM No. 345/70 dated 11 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
111000H	YS763792	Vegetable garden with plants still growing well. 5 bunkers in vic, usable but camouflage dried out. No indication of activity around bunkers or garden.
	YS772784 and YS774785	Old bunkers. No indication of recent occupation. Usable but camouflage dried out.
	YS769770	Many recent heavy tracks, with mov in several directions. Tracks appear to be converging to this point. Large hole approx 12x8x6 ft deep just inside treeline. Tracks 2 weeks old with indication of recent mov by large number of pers.
	YS751792	Track activity mov north.
	YS782780	Old destroyed bunker; no recent activity.
	YS774787	Old destroyed hut; no recent activity.
111630H	YS712758	E-W track crosses clearing approx 1 week old. Track leads to vic of bunker which shows no sign of recent activity.
	YS775778	Heavy track 12" to 18" wide crosses stream headed N to S. Old fireplace at crossing point. Mov 2 weeks old.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 346/70
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Dec 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity
    - (1) AO MICE
      - (a) (121645H). At YS 457880, a veh from 17 Const Sqn det an Atk pressure-type mine of 20lb Chicom explosive, emplaced 3ft from the edge of Rt 2 and 6ins below the surface. Res: 1 Aust WIA, veh extensively damaged.
    - (2) AO MAOMI
      - (a) (121500H). At YS 585636, 17 Const Sqn loc an M16 mine in a pile of sand on the western side of the bridge at this pt. To be destroyed.
  - b. Air Activity
    - (1) Omitted.
    - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E
4. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted
  - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(2), (4), (6)-(18), (21), (24) and (27) omitted.

(1) KIA 5 VC	(22) SA rounds 575
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(23) GRENADES 5
(5) Individual Wpns. Action 1	(25) AT Mines 1
(19) B-40 rounds 4	(26) TNT 21 lbs
(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20	
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
  - a. Omitted
  - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps
    - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP MINES. YS 585636.
    - (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
121645H	YS 457880	Atk	1 Aust WIA, 1 veh extensively damaged.
- 6.7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.
- 9.10. Omitted
11. Micellaneous
  - a.b.c.d.e. Omitted
  - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) According to a reliable report by II FFORCE V the enemy has commenced the first of three phases of an overall campaign plan. Phase 1 has commenced, and is to conclude on 20 Dec. During Phase 1 VC sympathisers and soldiers are to fight together to increase the level of hostilities. The results are to be in honour of the founding of the NLF on 20 Dec. On 19 Dec there are to be large attacks and harassments, including the destruction of bridges and roads, assassinations, kidnappings and isolation and capture of RF/PF. Phase 2 is to be a re-organization and reconnaissance phase which will entail determination of what goals remain unaccomplished. Phase 3 is to commence in approximately Mar 71, and is to be a general offensive.

II FFORCE V Comment. The en presently does have the capability to increase terrorist and sabotage activities within the MR and a number of bridges have been attacked and some GVN elements have been over-run, indicating that the report relating to Phase 1 is somewhat valid. A general increase in offensive activity is usually fol by a period of rest and reorg while plans are made for further activity.



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However the enemy's capabilities, though somewhat improved by March, could not sustain a general offensive at that time, A large scale increase in activity would probably occur later in the year when full advantage could be taken of the reduced Americal presence.

(2) (a) Further to Para 3.a.(1).(b) INTSUM 345/70. The possible firing point of 2x107mm Rockets was ascertained to be at YS 643668. A docu was found in a fuse box at this point which stated:

- i. "The liberation forces will severely police all the people who work for the American imperialists and the puppet government of THIEU - KY in the hope that the people will soon understand and return to the cause and their families."
- ii. This propoganda was written in ink over a communist newsletter relating to communism in GERMANY, HOLLAND and HONG KONG.

(3) (Late report) DUC THANH have reported that at 111615 hrs at YS 425715 (AP SUOI NGHE) NGUYEN VAN HUNG and one other person were detained because HUNG was found to have in his possession 10,000 piastre and the second person two ID cards. The two men have been kept in custody because PRU report that HUNG had intended to use the money to purchase medical supplies for the VC. Comment. HUNG's name is held on 1 ATF Order of Battle files as a suspected supplier.

(4)(a) At approx 070730 TRAN VAN A, his wife, younger brother, and DUONG VAN CAO, proceeded by oxcart out to the EAST of THAI THIEN to cut some wood. At approx YS 280800, the group was stopped by 1 VC armed with a pistol, dressed in black pants, grey shirt, boots and a towel wrapped around his head. Standing behind him were 2 more VC, dressed in greens, carrying packs and wearing soft nylon hats, armed with an AK 47 and M 16. TRAN VAN A was spoken to be the first VC, who then told the woman and young boy to move on ahead where they could wait for A and CAO. After a period of time they became worried and returned to the area finding at approx 071030, the bodies of A and CAO. Both had been beaten to death and mutilated, with a note being pinned to one of the bodies chest saying:-

"THAI Tps should not fire artillery into the Jungle because it may hurt the people (woodcutters). If they disobeyed, they (the THAIS) would be punished (by the VC).

(b) It is reported that the VC tps were all strangers and spoke with a North Vietnamese accent.

Comment. It is thought that A and CAO were assassinated for pro government activities.

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Annexes ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

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ANNEX E to  
1 ATF INTSUM No. 346/70  
dated 12 Dec 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

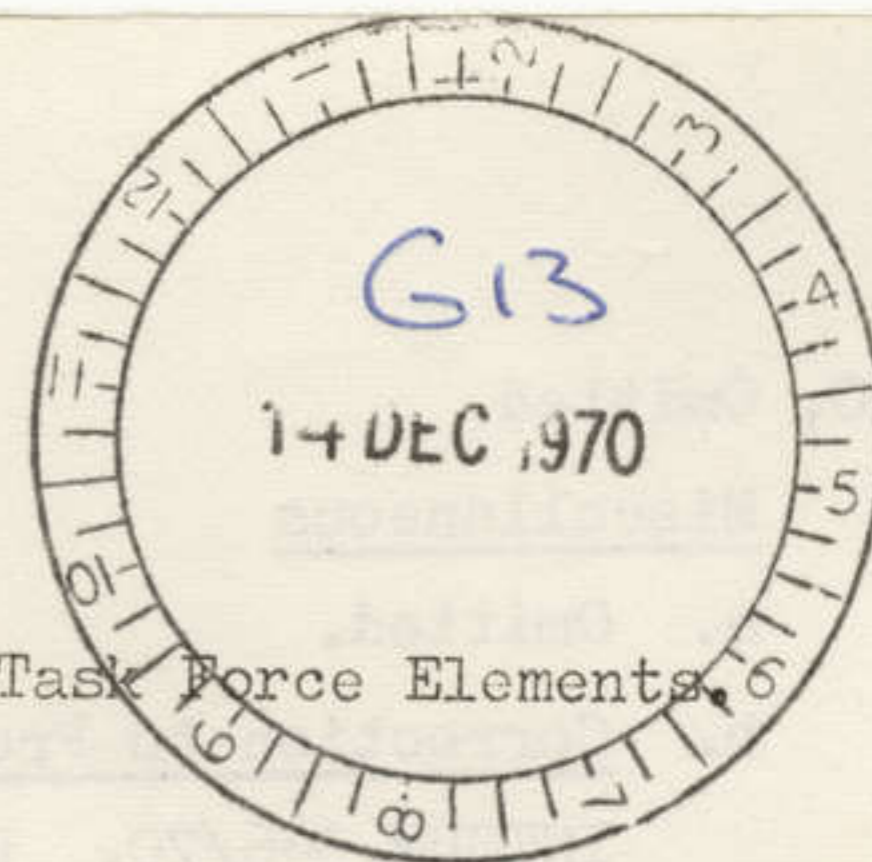
1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
121000H	YS 777709	The marked track leading north from this loc to the fire trail at YS 793753 shows no signs of recent use.
121200H	YS 772764	An old large bunker system at this loc shows no signs of re-occupation.
	YS 766764	Signs of recent woodcutting in the area.
121410H	YS 748616	Two sets of footprints lead from the water's edge at this loc into the bush. Appear to have been made today.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 347/70.
2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (130530H) AT YS752665, 2 Sect 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sentry heard noises when trip flare set off. Area engaged with claymores. Sweep revealed nothing.

(b) (131520H) At YS695651, B Coy 7 RAR loc an RF shirt and pistol holster Name tag on shirt marked XU. Items loc in an area in which tracks of HO CHI MINH sandals indicated that at least 20 pers had passed SW less than 36 hours before

(2) AO MICE

(a) (Prior to 131210H) At YS458895, 17 Const Sqn loc 6 holes in the road apparently dug at approx 130300H. Some holes 4-6ins deep, others 10-12 ins deep, with a diameter of 9 ins.

(3) AO JUDY

(a) (131915H) At YS415653, ptl of 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ engaged at least 12 en who returned fire with MG and RPGs. En approached from south, and wdr north, NW and west using fire and ... Results: 2 blood trails to the west. Gunships supporting ground troops are believed to have received ground fire. NFI.

(b) (Prior to 132250H) At YS410647, 2 ptls of 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 12 en. At 132310H, these 2 ptls reported mov between them. En were engaged, and mov was heard mov NW. NFI.

(c) (131610H) At YS420762, ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a bunker one year old and last used 4 months ago. Bunker in poor condition and falling in.

(4) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late report (Prior to 122125H) At YS432679, tip patrol heard noises and beleived they sighted persons in creek line. Ptl fired SA high over the area.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, d, e, Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : MR-7

(1) KIA 5 VC	(13 -(18) Omitted
(2) Omitted	(19) B-40 rounds 4
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(20) 12.7mm rounds 20
(4) Omitted.	(21) Omitted
(5) Individual Wpns Action 1	(22) SA rounds 575
(6) - (12) Omitted.	(23) GRENADES 5
	(24) AP mines 1
	(25) AT mines 1
	(26) TNT 21 lbs
	(27) Omitted.

5. 6. 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

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9.10, Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM 346/70. Para 11.f.(1) Line 1. Amend "According to a reliable report by 11 FFORCE V" to read "According to a reliable report Disseminated by 11 FFORCE V"

c.d.e.Omitted.

f. (1) Further to Annex B to 1 ATF INTSUMS 344/70 and 345/70 which reported documents captured by B Coy 7 RAR in a bunker system. Some of the items of ARVN origin have now been identified. They include:

(a) ID Tag No 35/066492 belonged to Cpl (1st class) TRUM TICH (aka TRUM TACH) who has claimed to have been captured at XUYEN MOC and subsequently released on 1 Dec 70, by the VC.

(b) ID Tag belonging to Cpl KHONG HUU TAO who went absent without leave from 386 RF Coy approx 1 week before the attack on XUYEN MOC (29 Nov 70).

(c) ID Tag belonging to Sgt (1st class) HOANG CAO THUAN, the supply NCO of 386 Coy, who has been missing since the attack.

(2) Late report (122245H) At YS452579, 61 PF Pl engaged an unk no of VC who returned fire. 61 PF Pl wdr to compound at YS453587, and were contacted during wdr at YS453577 and YS449582. Booby trap and flare at compound detonated by est 3 VC. En wdr SE. Nil friendly cas, en cas unk.

(3) Late report (122050H) At YS492595, RAU were contacted by est 4-5 VC with SA and B40. Sweep revealed nil results.

(4) (130700H) At YS419634, NPFF and PSB detained six females at a check point. Females detained were from LONG AN Province and had no papers with them to be in PHOUC TUY. Detainees have been living in LONG HUONG for past 15 days. Names VO THI CHO, KIEN THI TU, NGUYEN THI CHIN, NGUYEN THI CHAT, HO THI THANH and NGUYEN THI LAN. Females still being questioned.

(5) Further to INTSUM 346/70 Para 11. f. (2). (a). Probable firing point of 2 x 107mm rocket is ascertained to be YS693669. At this location, aiming posts were found. The impact point is believed to be in the MAI VAN Rubber YS6669.

(6) Further to INTSUM 334/70 para 11. f. (2.) At YS648698 crater analysis team found a possible base plate posn which may have been used on the night of 29 Nov 70 for the attack on XUYEN MOC. It is suspected that the mortar used was an 82mm mortar and not 60mm mortars as was previously thought. Comment If this supposition is correct it would imply that elements of at least a hy wps Coy may have provided sp fire during the attack, and it is thought that this coy would probably be K8/D440 which has probably been attached to D445.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 347/70  
dated 13 Dec 70

Report graded F3 states that on 8 Dec three en arty recce pers were seen on LONG SON island in the area of sq2755 in order to prepare for a rocket attack on the airfd and naval pier VUNG TAU. En wore black uniforms, hats, sandals, and carried AK 47 rifles. Comment If the report is true, en are probably members of 74 NVA Arty Regt which is located in south-eastern BIEN HOA and south-western LONG KHANH Provinces. It is suspected that this regt detaches small bodies of tps over a wide area in order to carry out rocket attacks against allied installations.

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dated 13 Dec 70

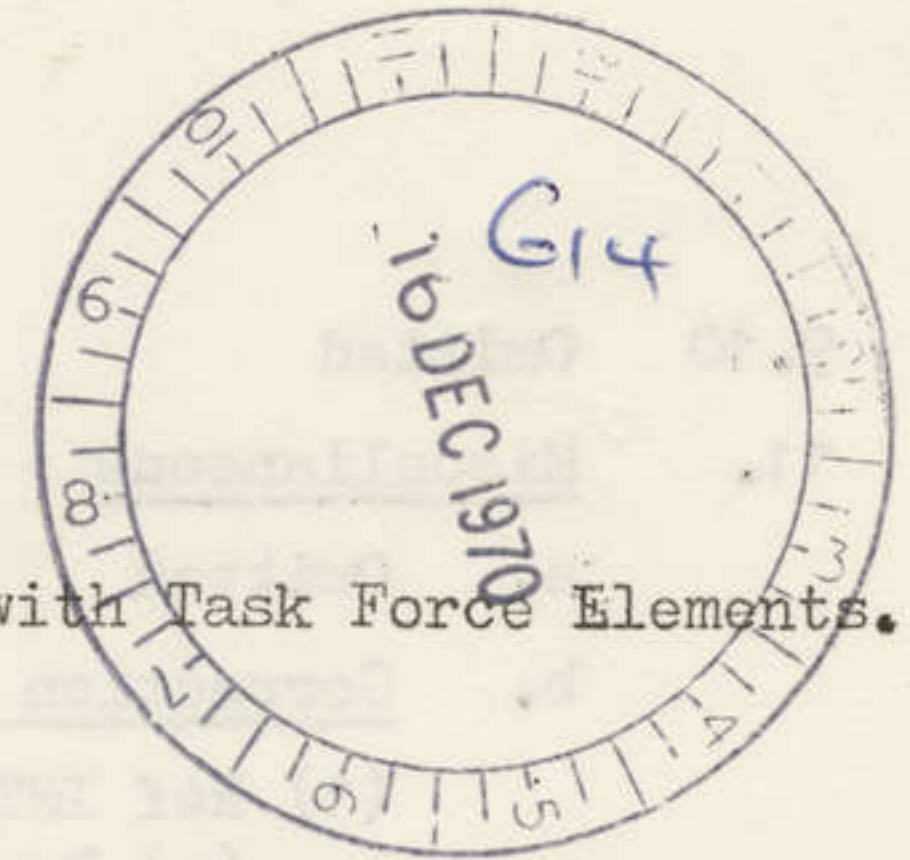
1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
131035H	YS666775	Timber workers operating in this area.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 348/70
- 2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO JUDY

Further to contact by 2 ptls of 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS410647 on 132250H. (Ref INTSUM 347/70 para 3.a.(3)(b).) Full Reports:

(a) (132230H) At YS412647, ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted 10-12 en mov out from HOA LONG to the west. By the time clearance was received (after check with HOA LONG) the gp had moved into the tree line and were not visible and hence, were not engaged.

(b) (132305H) At YS412650, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 2 en (more heard) mov N, with SA and 90 mm splinter. On contact, the en wrd NW and moaning was heard, probably of 1 pers. This gp was poss of the same gp sighted by the ptl from 1 Pl - reported in para (1)(a) above.

(c) Prior to (140405H) At YS411647, ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted another infiltration gp of 3-4 en. Not engaged.

(d) Prior to (140730H) A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn carried out initial sweep of contact area with nil results. Sweep extended to area YS404-646 then to two areas at which Bushrangers fired, ni 13/14 Dec; vic:

(i) YS390644 poss ground fire received and

(ii) YS382665 a light was reported

(See ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) to INTSUM.)

(e) (140530H - 140950H) PF conducted a search inside HOA LONG with nil results.

(2) AO NAOMI

(a) (141558H) At YS640620 B Coy 7 RAR detonated an M16 mine, which exploded in the ground. Result: 1 Aust WIA.

b. Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 5 VC        | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (2) Omitted         | (21) Omitted           |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1     | (22) SA rounds 575     |
| (4) Omitted         | (23) GRENADES 5        |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (24) AP Mines 1        |
| Action 1            | (25) AT Mines 1        |
| (6)-(18) Omitted    | (26) TNT 21 lbs        |
| (19) B-40 rounds 4  | (27) Omitted           |

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
141558H	YS640620	M16	1 Aust WIA

6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

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9.10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 347/70

(a) Para 3.a.(3)(b) 3rd line, amend "NW and West using fire and ...." to read "NW and West using fire and mov."

(b) Para 11.f.(2), amend DTG to read 122120H.

(c) Para 11.f.(3), amend "RAU" to read "PRU".

(d) Para 11.f.(4), amend names "KIEN THI TU" and "HO THI THANH", to read "KIEU THI TU" and "HO THI THAN" respectively.

(e) Para 11.f.(5), amend YS693669 to read YS643669.

(f) Para 11.f.(6), 5th line, amend "element of at least" to read "elements at least of".

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Prior to (140927H) At YS634802, Bushranger sighted 3 cows. NFI.

(2) Late Report. (132330H) BARIA Sub-Sector reported 112 people (70 female, 42 male) detained at LONG HUONG. Presently located at screening centre, BARIA.

(3) Late Report (131900H) BARIA Sub-Sector reported 1 person detained at YS416639 (HOA LONG). The subject is a deserter from MSF and he and his family have been living in HOA LONG for 24 days.

(4) (141545H) At YS317563, PRU contacted approx 12 VC who returned fire then wdr S. Result: 1 PRU WIA.

(5) Late Report (121920H) At YS438893 Atk Pl 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard 3 x 5 second bursts from AW and SA fire to the West. NFI.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)

to 1 ATF INTSUM 348/70

dated 14 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

DTG

Location

Sighting

140730H YS390638

VR of area of contact ni 13/14 Dec. Signs of mov in area. 3 cooking fires and an area that had been burned off, 50 m N of the grid given. All mov signs and fires appear to be associated with civ mov in area.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
140730H	YS382665	Light tracks made either by animals or approx 2 persons, approx 25m S of the creek line. Track goes West/East.
140800H	E65-68 N61-64	Nil significant sightings.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
140800H		YS791752	YS791754 YS791756

Comment. A garden plot and smoke were sighted in the vicinity of YS756778. Bushrangers investigated; nothing further to report.

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15 Dec 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70  
(PERIOD 7 DEC - 13 DEC 70)  
(MR3)

Enemy Activity

1. In MR3 enemy initiated activity returned to a low level during the week and was again characterised by anti-pacification operations, limited ground contacts and light attacks by fire. The only deliberate ground attack occurred in TAY NINH Province on 4th December when a mortar attack on a Night Defensive Position (XT437343) was followed by a mortar and ground attack against a nearby District Headquarters. The attack resulted in 6 friendly KIA and 11 WIA for an enemy loss of 2 KIA and 1 PW. The PW identified his unit as the 48th Sapper Coy and his statements provided confirmation of an increasing emphasis on sapper activity in MR3 generally, and in TAY NINH Province in particular.

In SAIGON

2. There were two petrol bomb attacks over the last few days against American vehicles.

Friendly Activity

3. In SR4 on 4th December, a PRU force NW of LONG THANH made a series of 4 contacts with the enemy, reporting 36 enemy KIA and the capture of a quantity of ammunition and supplies, for 2 friendly KIA and 3 WIA. The enemy force involved was probably elements of the D-2 VC Bn and Rear Services staff members of SR-4.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

4. A Hođ Chanh has provided further information on food and supply shortages in 3 Bn 274 Regt (Area YS2081). It is reported that no Rear Services supplies have been received for 5-6 months and 3 Bn are unable to purchase food. Subsistence is dependent upon jungle foraging. There have been other reports of the poor condition of this battalion.

5. II FFORCE V have disseminated a report from a reliable source which states that the enemy has commenced the first of three phases of an overall campaign plan, Phase 1 has commenced. During Phase 1 VC sympathisers and soldiers together are to increase the level of hostilities. The report states that on 19 Dec there are to be attacks and harassments, including the destruction of bridges and roads, assassinations, kidnappings, and isolation and capture of RF and PF. Phase 1 is to culminate on 20 Dec which is the anniversary of the founding of the NLF. Phase 2 is to be a re-organization and reconnaissance phase. Phase 3 is to commence in approximately March 71, and is to be a general offensive. II FFORCE V has commented that the enemy

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probably does have the capability to increase terrorist and sabotage activities within the MR and a number of bridges have been attacked and some GVN elements have been over-run, indicating that the report concerning Phase 1 has some validity. The planned reorganization period for Phase 2 is in keeping with the enemy's normal practice. However II FFORCE V believe that the enemy would not be able to undertake a general offensive by March. Therefore it is assessed that a large scale offensive would probably occur later in the year when full advantage could be taken of a reduced allied presence.

Assessment

6. The high point at the end of November was not able to be sustained but the enemy did achieve some successes. These, combined with recent probable food resupplies as a result of the harvest, have been probably brought about an improvement in enemy morale. The present low level of activity can be attributed to the lull which follows most enemy high points. However it appears probable that there will soon be an increase in enemy activity, probably on or about 19 and 20 Dec.

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7. Activity involving 1 ATF remained at a generally low level. However there was one significant contact with an enemy force believed to be D445, and a major bunker system was discovered by 7 RAR. During the week there were three contacts, resulting in one enemy confirmed killed and two Australians wounded. Possibly nine enemy were wounded, and three Australians were wounded by mines.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

8. D445.

a. On 9 Dec 7000m east of XUYEN MOC (YS731694) a platoon of 7 RAR received twelve 60mm mortar rounds followed by a ground assault by 25 - 30 enemy supported by M60 and RPG fire. Bushranger aircraft provided support for the platoon and one Bushranger was required to make a forced landing as a result of receiving ground fire. One VC was confirmed killed and two Australians were wounded. However four enemy were seen to fall in the initial engagement and from heavy blood trails it is estimated that a minimum of seven enemy were wounded by ground action and air. While following up from this contact 7 RAR found in the area (YS742699 to YS749700) a major enemy base camp 1000m x 300m which contained 120 bunkers, two circular anti-aircraft gun positions in which were found expended and live 12.7mm rounds, two mortar pits, 20 cooking areas, and four wells. One third of the camp was about 12 months old, while the remainder was of recent construction. Some bunkers were still being built. The camp had probably been occupied by 80 - 100 VC until several hours after the contact nearby with 7 RAR. The dead enemy soldier has been identified from documents as a member of K9 Coy, D440, which from previous information may have been under command of D445. Documents found in the camp appear to have belonged to D445. Because of the large number of enemy troops in the area and the presence of at least one and possibly two 12.7mm Heavy Machine Guns it is believed that most of D445, including attached elements of the disbanded D440, may have been present. It appears possible that most of D445 has withdrawn north-west from the contact area, while an element, probably including the wounded, may have withdrawn south-west towards NUI KHO (YS651622).

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b. In the enemy camp 7 RAR found identity discs belonging to an RF soldier missing since the attack on XUYEN MOC on 29 Nov, and to another RF soldier who was captured by the enemy at XUYEN MOC but has since been released. Also found in the camp were two M79 CS rounds and two new US gas masks. Similar items were captured by the enemy at XUYEN MOC. A document found in the camp mentions that on 15 Nov C2 and C3 (presumably referring to the companies of D445) and C8 (probably K8 Heavy Weapons Company of D440) were to commence preparing for an operation. A suspected base plate position for 82mm mortars has now been found north of XUYEN MOC (at YS 648698). It is believed that this position may have been used during the attack on 29 Nov. For these reasons it is believed most likely that elements of D445 carried out the attack on XUYEN MOC, including elements of a Heavy Weapons Company.

c. It now appears a possibility that both K8 Heavy Weapons and K9 companies of D440 may have been subordinated to D445. However further information is required before any definite conclusions can be made.

9. CHAU DUC

a. No confirmed contact has been made with this group. However on 8 Dec a reliable report was received of the location of a group of CHAU DUC in the RUNG SAT (YS260629). An airstrike was placed on the area and the aircraft received ground fire from the target location. No BDA was possible because of darkness.

b. Over the past week there are believed to have been at least four infiltrations into HOA LONG. No confirmed information has been received but it is believed that the infiltrations were carried out by members of CHAU DUC.

10. LONG DAT is believed still to be in the LONG HAI's.

11. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt is believed still to be in the area approximately 6000M East of BLACKHORSE (sq YS4496).

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

12. The recent infiltrations into HOA LONG indicate that the enemy are once more attempting to use this village as a resupply centre.

13. According to recent agent reports, on 7 Dec a number of rockets were brought to LONG SON Island by four VC travelling in a motor junk from LONG HOA (YS338590). The following day three enemy artillery reconnaissance personnel were reported to be on LONG SON Island (square 2755) preparing for a rocket attack on VUNG TAU. Previous reports have suggested that a small group of 74 NVA Rocket Regt has been in Southern PHUOC TUY periodically since June 1970. The rocket attack on VUNG TAU on 24 Nov may have been carried out by a small group from this Regiment. It is thought possible that two 107 mm rockets were fired at XUYEN MOC from the South West (from YS643668) on 11 Dec but the impact points have not yet been found.

14. There have been two further mining incidents on Route 2 South of NDP GARTH (YS4590). In addition GVN forces have passed on an agent report that a road to the East is mined (approximate area YS473887 to YS492873). Over the past three months there have been other mining incidents on Route 2 in this area. On 9 Nov a Platoon Commander of D65 Engineer Bn was killed to the South East of GARTH (at YS498877) and it is thought that a small group from D65 may be working in conjunction with BA LONG Engineers in carrying out mining activity in this area.



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15. Should the report disseminated by II FFORCE V concerning a coming high point be accurate, it must be anticipated that enemy attacks or terrorist activity may occur on 19 or 20 Dec. A recent example of such terrorist activity occurred on 7 Nov near THAI THIEN (at YS280800) where two men were beaten to death for pro-government activity. Major enemy units which possess the capability for offensive action are D445 and 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 349/70.
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Dec 70.
3. Summary Of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO JUDY.

(a) Late Report. (140900H) At YS459805, 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc and destroyed a circular shaped camp, 30m in diameter, comprising sleeping spaces for 4-6 persons, 1 large cooking fire and a water pt 20m east of the camp. Entry/Exit was an east/west track. The camp was estimated to be 1 month old and last used 1 week ago.

(2) AO MICE.

(a) (150500H) At YS469893, ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ, on follow up of voices and noises heard earlier, loc four small gardens, freshly tended and two small wells full of water. DUC THANH sub sector will investigate possible illegal cultivation.

(b) (151235H) At YS453887, 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ engaged 4-6 stationary en who fled north and west on contact without returning fire. Three of the en were dressed in blue shirts and black trousers while another was in a green shirt. Res: 2 en WIA (blood trails); 1 AK 50, 2 mags of ammo, 1 CHICOM pistol, qty docus, 3 packs containing assorted gear CIA (see para 4.e.(2)(a) for items CIA). During the follow up of the blood trails, a house was searched and it was found to have an unusually large bunker underneath. One hand made grenade was recovered from the house. Follow-up of blood trails produced nil results.

(c) (151830H) At YS431891, 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted 10 pers moving from west to east and then north. On the Fl's approach, the people fled into the tree line; no wpns seen. NFI.

(d) (152110H) At YS435890, 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 9 plus en moving from west to east. On contact, the en returned fire with 1 rd of RPG fire and AK 47, then wdr south. Results: 2 Aust WIA; 9 VC KIA, 2 rifles (unstated type) CIA. The bodies were dressed in black pyjamas, some had ARVN type boots and there was no webbing except for 2 bandoliers.

(3) AO NAOMI.

(a) (Prior to 150950H) At YS616615, 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR loc a resting place for 5 VC in trees above the water line in a swamp area. The VC had left the area just prior to discovery, leaving behind 25lb of rice, docus, med eqpt and several clips of AK rds. The en's wdr route was not estb. No ident could be made from the docus. Packs later destroyed.

(b) (151252H) At YS625606, 5 Pl B Coy 7 RAR were engaged by 2 en at a range of 60m, across a clearing. The en had no packs, approached from the NW and wdr south with results unk.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

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- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted 9 VC
- (3) Omitted.

b. c. and d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual 4
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - 1 X AK50, 1 CHICOM pistol, 2 X unstated type rifles.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured. At YS453887 - qty clothing, personal items, fd eqpt, med items, 3 packs, 1 X home made grenade.
- (b) Destroyed. At YS616615 - 3 packs and med eqpt, several clips of AK rds.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TPYE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS453887	Misc	small qty	destroyed
YS616615	Rice	25 lb	destroyed

(4) and (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3.

- (1) KIA 14VC
- (2) Omitted.
- (3) Hoi Chanh 1
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Wpns  
Action 5
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25lb
- (8) - (18) Omitted.
- (19) B 40 rounds 4
- (20) 12.7mm rounds 20
- (21) Omitted.
- (22) SA rounds 600
- (23) Grenades 6
- (24) AP Mines 1
- (25) AT Mines 1
- (26) TNT 21lb
- (27) Omitted.

5. - 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a. - c. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX c.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (prior to 142140H) At YS498591, 578 RF Coy contacted 1 squad of VC who returned fire with AK 47, other SA ans 1 rd of B 40 fire. En withdrew North and were then seen to go SE. During a follow-up sweep,

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2. An agent report (evaluated VN C3) indicates that 021800H Dec, 9 VC suspects (probably LONG SON GUERRILLA UNIT) carrying individual weapons were seen on the RACH RANG RIVER, as they delivered a quantity of unknown type rocket ammunition.
3. They were travelling on a boat from East of LONG LE District towards NUI NUA Mountain (YS2956) LONG SON Village.

1 ATF COMMENT: Providing aid in transportation and recce is one role of the LONG SON GUERRILLAS, possibly in this case, for 74 Arty Regt. The report reinforces another report (see INTSUM 347/70) that 3 Arty recce pers were seen on LONG SON in area YS2755 on 8 Dec 70. A further indication of activity in the area is the unusual wooden markers sighted (see Annex E).

ANNEX E TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 349/70  
DATED 15 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
141000H	YS632600	Several tracks seen running NE to SW through a clearing at this loc; made during the last week.
	YS609609	Foot prints of 1-2 people follow the stream to the north into civil access.
141200H	YS652778	An old large bunker system with some of the bunkers still in good condition with good natural cam, due to age, 6-8 black objects, possibly bottles were seen near the bunkers. Also, fresh digging and timber cutting seen in the area.
	E65-68	In this area, old bunker systems show no signs of re-occupation and no fresh track activity.
	N77-80	
150800H	YS3476	The clearing in this map sq contains numerous tracks all of which appear to be several weeks old.
	YS346767	One of the above tracks leads to an LUP at this loc. Grass mats and poles remain behind and the posn appeared made by 5-10 pers.
151003H	YS282558	An old bunker system with a track used by 2-3 persons, approx 2 days ago, leading into the system. However, no tracks around the bunkers and bunkers appear untouched for some time. No fresh diggings in the area.
	YS293558	In a re-entrant at this loc, line of sight to VUNG TAU, two straight logs each 10ft long, 6 ins in diameter and cleaned about four days ago. Twenty yards up the re-entrant, was a large "V" log with 4ft arms. The "V" had been split and the wood appeared to have been smoothed flat on that side. Another "V" of two separate pieces of wood, each about 4ft long, was lying beside the solid "V". These two pieces had also been split.

2. - 4. Omitted.

5. APD(Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	
150815H	E64-77	All readings unreliable due to poss interference from own exhaust. Two new bunkers at YS679610
	N61-65	



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RF detained 2 females from a house that the VC were seen entering. The detainees are currently being interrogated at DAT.DO sub-sector.

(2) (Prior to 151135H) 302 RF Bn loc the following:

At YS405661, a hole in the bank of a stream large enough for one pers.

At YS403662, a clearing 10 X 8ft containing a fishing pole. The clearing was 2-3 days old.

At YS403659, food wrappers approx 2 days old and the remains of a dog beside a fire place.

Blood stained bandages were also found in the vic, on the SE side of a stream.

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Annexes:

- Annex B - Captured Documents
- Annex C - Agent Reports
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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX B TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 349/70  
DATED 15 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

B Coy 7 RAR

1. Papers captured 150900H Dec 70 at YS616615 in a recently used camp revealed a poem written on three pieces of paper. Neither the writers name, nor unit could be ascertained.

B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

2. A considerable quantity of documents were captured 151235H Dec At YS453887, by 5 Pl after a brief contact.

3. Initial readout indicates no material of immediate tactical value, but a detailed ORBAT check is being made of names and cover designators. Most of the material is from 274 Regt and its Rear Services. Some appears to indicate 3rd Bn 274 Regt.

4. Included in the documents are promotion, commendation and award certificates, a number of food and clothing issue records, and personal letters and poems. One letter dated 7 Oct 70 reports supply and financial difficulties.

ANNEX C TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 349/70  
DATED 15 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent report received at NPFF, eval VN C2. VC have forbidden workers to enter the LANG CAT area (YS640694) until after 31 Dec 70. Also the VC have stated that they will "remove" 609 RF Coy (XUYEN MOC).



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 350/70.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H DEC 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were Nil contacts with the Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) Late Report. (150945H) At YS563576, 2 Pl A Coy 7 RAR loc a decomposed body; cause of death unk. Nearby were two claymores and triggering devices. The claymores did not appear to be booby traps.

(b) (161420H) At YS640774 1 Sect 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a resting place for 2 pers, est 2-3 days old.

(2) AO MICE

(a) Further to contact of 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS 435890 on 152110H Dec 70 (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (d) refers); As a result of a sweep conducted this morning 2 packs were found and a further body, making total KIA now 10.

(b) Further to contact of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS 453887 on 151235H Dec 70 (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (b) refers). The Pl returned to the area and estb an AP on ni 15/16 Dec. Noise was heard during the night. Sweep conducted this morning and two packs and more docus were found.

The gren referred to in the contact of 5 Pl (referred to above) was in fact a type of incendiary flare and was not found in the house but 10m away under a tree.

The bunker under the house is roughly 'T' shaped, 4 ft high, 5 ft wide and 7 ft long. Bunker believed to be a bomb shelter. It also extends 7 ft away from the house and ends in soft earth. (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (b) refers).

(c) (Prior to 161030H) At YS468888, 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a VC pack containing 28 lb of beans. A note was found 2-3 ft from the pack and it is believed that the note had been attached to the pack.

(d) (161145H) At YS468883 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 3-6 en wearing black uniforms; at least 2 were armed with AK 47's. En mov west to east. On contact 2 en wdr SW into bamboo and 1 en wdr SSE. Bushrangers eng bamboo where the 2 en were seen to wdr. During a sweep through the bamboo 5 Pl loc a sleeping space for 10-12 pers. Loc were 1 cigarette pkt, freshly cut bamboo and 1 bottle. Boot prints noticed in area. Poss used by en involved in contact (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (d) refers)

(e) (Prior to 161453H) At YS468880, ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a staging camp area. Also loc spilt sugar and tunnel system. Tunnel well cammed and had air vents. Engrs believe it to be an old collapsed tunnel.

3. AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 161050H) At YS324772, Bushranger sighted 3 Ox-carts and numerous pers; 1 Km west were 1 timber truck and pers. At YS324763 on fol-up of sighting, Mor Sect 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt halted 4 Ox-carts and turned them in a NW dir towards civil access.

4. a. c. d. Omitted

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period. (2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons. Ref this para Intsum 349/70 4 unidentified wpns all AK 47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

Ref Intsum 349/70 para 3 a (2) (d) items captured include qty of clothing, qty of field eqpt and a qty of pers items.

(b) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS439890	Mixed	Small	Destroyed

(4) Captured Documents See ANNEX B.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA	15 VC	(20) 12.7mm rounds	20
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(22) SA rounds	600
(5) Individual Wpns		(23) GRENADES	5
Action	5	(24) AP Mines	1
		(25) AT Mines	1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	25 lb	(26) TNT	21 lb
(19) B-40 rounds	4		
2, 4, 6, 8 to 18, 21, 27 Omitted			

5. 6. 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.

9. 10. Omitted

11. Micellaneous

a. b. c. e. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

1. (160130H) At YS355605, LONG HUONG, PF contacted approx 1 sqd of VC who approached from the south, wearing mixed dress. En returned fire with AK 47, 2 grens and 1 rd of B 40 fire, then wdr NW. Res nil friendly cas, en cas unk.

2. (160912H) At YS 745627, USAF conducted an A/S BDA not reported.

3. (Prior to 161700H) At FSB BEVERLY (YS 447865) 3 pers were detained and are being held by NP Duc Thanh.

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Attachments

ANNEX B - Captured Documents, ANNEX C - Agent Report, ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX B

to 1 ATF INTSUM No 350/70  
dated 16 Dec 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Further cross-checking of documents captured by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ 151235H Dec at YS 453887 (See 1 ATF INTSUM 349/70) has revealed the following:

a. A letter from 225/3245A (possibly Refugee Section, BA LONG Province) to UT TRA (possibly of CAM MY YS4685) dated 26 Nov 70, indicated possible en activities as fol:-

(1) It mentions that LO (Unk) surrendered to the enemy (ARVN/FWMAF) and took them to attack the basecamp of the village (Unk); "We should kill him by all means; laying ambushes or organising 'Secret Self Defence' to eliminate him". LAI (Unk) took two policemen to arrest HAI MOT (Unk) who bought goods for 84 RSG. " We must perform a further investigation on this case." The letter concludes by saying that the enemy's rangers are operating in G3 (Unk) and MAY TAO (YS 7491) areas. The letter was signed by NAM BINH (Unk).

b. A letter from MUOI VAN (an aka for NUYEN VAN MOT, probably Chief of Security Section MR 7) of A 243 (Unk) to UT TRA (unk) via HAI CAN (an aka for PHAM VAN CAM - CO D 65 Engr Bn) was dated 25 Nov 70.

It reads in part;-

"BA THAO (possibly Chief Long Dat political Struggle Section) is with us. I am now staying at SAU VINH's place (possibly OC E1/C41 CHAU DUC). My group has been operating in the Northern Area of Route 2.

I have discussed with TUHY (Unk) and have sent a letter to HAI CAN (Unk). HAI CAN will liaise with you about the execution when this task begins; it must be carried out with a determination to succeed.

After preparation, it has to be carried out immediately and we should not lose; because this has been confirmed for a long time and we are looking for more victories.

BA THAO succeeded in his mission; on 20 Nov he infiltrated into SUOI TRE (possibly Hamlet YT4311) and killed HOI, The Assistant Village Chief and 2 RF soldiers. 2 watches and 2 M16 rifles were captured."

Comment. No reference has as yet been found to the reported activity at SUOI TRE.

c. A badly burnt notebook, which is unable to be read.

2. Documents captured by 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ following their contact at YS435890 at 152110H after which 10 VC KIA were found, included further receipts for supplies, commendation certificates and personal letters. No positive identification, nor information of immediate tactical value, could be gained. The cover designator C205 was used several times in the documents. This is possibly the Recce LF VC Coy subordinate to LONG THANH District, Southern BIEN HOA Province, but no immediate explanation can be seen for the presence of elements of this unit.

ANNEX C

to 1 ATF INTSUM NO 350/70  
dated 16 Dec 70.

AGENT REPORT'S

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1. Received from Sub Sector XUYEN MOC  
EVAL VN: C/2

(131700H) a gp of PHUOC BUU Guerillas Commanded by HIEP set up tax points at YS 615619, 621624, 621641 to collect taxes and food.

Comment: At YS616615 at 150950H 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR loc a resting place for 5 VC which had been vacated just prior to discovery. (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (3) (b) refers). This Gp may have been PHUOC BUU guerillas involved in taxing.

ANNEX E

to 1 ATF INTSUM No 350/70  
dated 16 Dec 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG Location Sighting

161000H YS634788 Track not used recently.

2. 3. 4. Omitted

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
(160815H)		YS 541601	YS 539591
		542601	540591
		543601	542591
		545601	538596
			540596
			543656
			545656
			546656
			548656
			549656
			547611
			549611
			550611

Comment: Recordings produced could have been a result of drift from civilian access zone on NW Edge of mission area.



1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 351/70.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO HANNAH

(a) (161030H) at YS399673, ptl of 3/A/2 RAR/NZ loc a transit area 30m in diameter comprising 4 sleeping places and 2 fire places. Entry/exit to North and South. Camp 1 month old and last used 2 weeks ago and in poor condition. Loc were used med sups and empty ration cartons. Camp to be destroyed.

(2) AO DUC THANH

(a) (171415H) at YS445811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ loc a circular camp measuring 50x50m containing 3 bunkers (one 12'x3') with 2-3 ft OHP. Entry/exit to East, West and SW. About 6 months old and last used 48 hours ago. Camp in fair condition. Recovered were: 1xletter, 1xempty penicillin container and a qty of rice husks. Camp to be destroyed.

(b) (171600H) at YS452811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ loc a 70x50m area containing 15 hammock spaces. Entry/exit to East, North and West. Area in good condition about 3 months old and last used 7 days ago.

(3) AO JUDY

(a) Late report. At YS399646, ptl of 2/A/2 RAR/NZ sighted lights. NFI.

(4) AO MICE

(a) (171907H) at YS462887, ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ contacted 8-9 en who approached their posn in 2 gps of 5 and 4 persons, 25m apart. 2 were seen to fall and 2 to wdr North and West. At 171936 ptl married up with elements of Cav who detected movement in the area and engaged. Ptl conducted a sweep of the area which revealed 2xVC KIA (BC). Recovered were 1xM79, 1xM1 and 2 packs. At 172012H ptl and Cav returned to AP and detected movement to their South. Engaged and swept area. Both bodies wore boots, poss US or ARVN type. Boots were wet indicating approach probably across creek in vic of YS471890.

(b) Items CIA by ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ at YS453887, refer INTSUM 349/70 para 3 a (2) (b), all smelt strongly of alcohol, poss rice wine.

(c) Further to staging camps and resting areas found by 5/B/2 RAR/NZ on 161357H at YS468880 (INTSUM 350/70 para 3 a (2) (e)) following items were loc: 1xAK47 mag (filled), 1xM16 mag (filled), 2xCHICOM grens, 10 lbs assorted food, kerosene lamp and 5xD cell batteries.

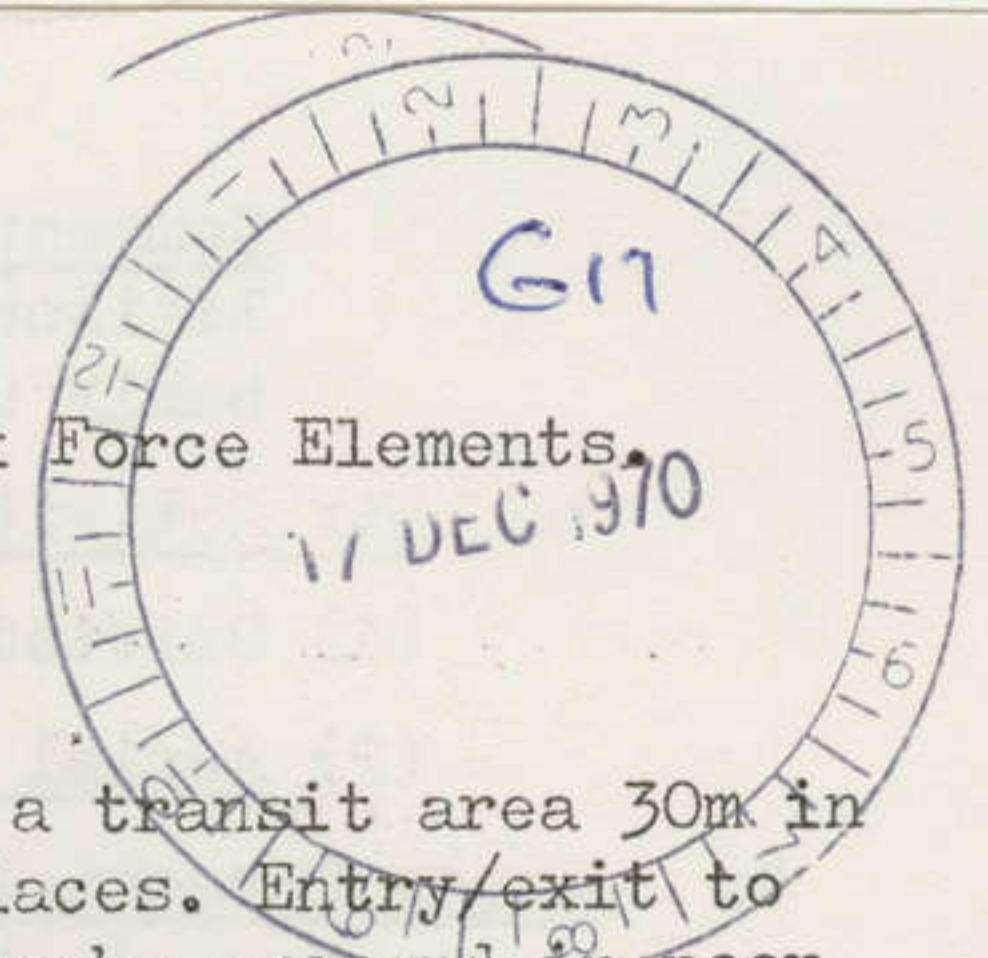
(5) AO NAOMI

(a) (171250H) at YS660770, 3/B/3 Cav Regt loc tracks of 2 people moving South. One was wearing home made sandals and the other was barefoot. Tracks about 8-10 days old.

(6) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late report. (161300H) at YS468880, ptl of 5/B/2 RAR/NZ loc 3 staging camps. One camp 30m square, others 15m square. A cache was loc outside perimeter in hole 18"x18"x6ft. Camps had entry/exits from South, East, North and West. Camps 18-24 months old, used 2-3 days ago as a transit camp but latrines and 2 cooking places used on 16 Dec 70. Camp in a fair condition.

(b) Prior to 171040H, at YS467879, ptl of 5/B/2 RAR/NZ loc 2 note books and some paper in an ammo box.





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Comment for (a) and (b): Area of the VIET CUONG Rubber is a regular com-  
liaison pt for VC suppliers from other areas. These staging camps are pro-  
bably used by com-mo/liaison personnel.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.

b. c. d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 2.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1xM79, 1xM1.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured - See 3 a (2) (a), 2 packs.

(b) Destroyed - Refer 3 a (4) (c).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(1) KIA - 17 VC.

(2) Omitted.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns  
Action 7

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed - 25 lbs.

(8) - (18) Omitted.

(19) B-40 rounds - 4.

(20) 12.7mm rounds - 20.

(21) Omitted.

(22) SA rounds - 660.

(23) Grenades - 7.

(24) AP mines - 1.

(25) AT mines - 1.

(26) TNT - 21 lbs.

(27) Omitted.

5. - 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70

9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 350/70:

(a) Para 3 a (2) (b) line 4, delete ref to two packs found.

(b) Para 3, Summary of Enemy Activity, amend number of contacts to read "one".

(c) Para 4 e (1), amend "4 unidentified wpns" to read 2 unidentified wpns.

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest


(1) Late report (161520H) USAF conducted A/S at YS302710. No BDA.

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- (2) Late report (162025H) BIEN HOA (centre of mass XT9913) received 5x122mm rkts, resulting in damage to 20 veh engines and 4 buildings. Nil friendly cas.
- (3) Late report (162130H) an ARVN Engr Compound at YT6211 received 10-12x107 or 122mm rkts. No damage or cas.
- (4) Late report. At the same time (162130H) as the above rkt attack FSB MACE at YT628125 received 3-5x107mm or 122mm rkts. No damage or cas. Firing pts est to be YT607195 (5,750m NNE of MACE).
- (5) Late report. (162130H) at YS508998, 285 RF Coy ambushed an unk number of an attempting to enter a hamlet. Res: 6 VC KIA, 1xM16, 1xAK47 and 2xM1 carbines CIA.
- (6) (171130H) at YS456650, 946 RF Coy loc a tunnel complex large enough to hide a pl of en. Recovered were 7 cooking pots and numerous bowls. Tunnels to be destroyed.
- (7) (170835H) at YS330982, pt1 of 2/25 contacted an unk number of en. Res: 1xVC KIA, 1xPW (WIA).
- (8) (Prior to 171830H) a female rallied at HOI MY. She has been moved to DAT DO for interrogation. Details to follow.
- (9) Ref 2 females detained by 578 RF Coy after contact reported in INTSUM 349/70 11 f (1). Have been released as innocent civilians.

  
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Annexes

ANNEX B - Captured Documents  
ANNEX E = Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 US Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

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ANNEX B  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 351/70  
DATED 17 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A further readout of documents captured by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS453887, 151235H Dec 70 reveals a letter from SAU BUI LBN 225/3245A (possibly Refugee Section BA LONG Province) to UT TRA of CAM MY (YS4685) A241 (unk). Letter dated 24 Nov 70 and reads:

".....I know the situation in 32 Area (unk) and CAM MY more clearly. However there are some things about the en (ARVN/FWMAF) situation which are different to that reported.

1. En is in a fire support base located at KIM CHI Plantation, not CON RAN key position as you have reported. They shelled to CON XAN key position.
2. As for KIM LONG Post (poss YS434824), the ARVN has come and stayed at 64 BINH BA Building (exact loc unk). The Americans stay at Route 2, not KIM LONG Post.

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3. As for the morale of the people, they are always talking and discussing peace and the 8 points of Mme NGUYEN THI BINH (Chief Negotiator at Paris Peace Talks). Even the en(ARVN/FWMAF) come in and out (of the villages) regularly, and they listen to our radio station.

We can't get to know the villagers very well unless we keep in touch with them personally (and in doing this) we meet difficulties.

The enemy poured down here a great number of their troops before they wdr, so that the en strength seems to increase but their activities decrease. This is the reason why people can go further out from the villages, and thus it is easier for them to bring supplies to us. The PF warned people who work away from the villages to be careful. If they are caught supplying the VC they will be punished ..... and to remind you - I understand you know this already."

2. Two further small batches of documents captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC):
- a. YS468883 at 161145H Dec in a staging camp.
  - b. YS467879 at 171010H Dec in a hole revealed little.
3. Batch a., contained personal letters, while batch b., mentioned the name (among others) of NGUYEN THI BAY who is held as an active VC member operating in the DUC THANH area. NFI.

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ANNEX E  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 351/70  
DATED 17 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
171800H	YS341542	At least 10 large holes above 6'x3'x3' deep around a small clump of trees. Could be fighting pits.
	YS350529	One man seen sitting in a small creek 50 yds West of his boat at the above ref. Several other boats and people in the area in non civil access timings.
170905H	YS315805	A number of persons and ox carts.
	YS331797	6 persons, one carrying a water container, and a woman was carrying a pack with a piece of wood protruding from it.

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1st Australian Task Force Vietnam INTSUM No. 352/70.

2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

- (a) (Prior to 180315H) From FSB GARTH report of a burst of MG fire in vic YS441904. NFI.
- (b) (180900H) At YS463887 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a body in box in a fresh grave. Pers died of GSW and old blood stained clothes in box. Tracks from grave led to a house at YS462887. Pers died less than 36 hrs ago. 5 Pl believe pers was in 5 Pl contact at YS453887 on 151235H, died later and was buried on 16 Dec.
- (c) Further to contact of a ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS462887 on 171907H Dec (INTSUM 351/70 para 3.a.(4)(a) refers):- The ptl reports that prior to the contact, a gp of approx 6 pers were seen to enter a house approx 75m from contact area. It is believed that this was the same gp as was involved in the contact. NP from DUC THANH following up detained 30 pers from the house prior to 181320H. These pers were taken to DUC THANH for questioning and then released except one woman who was told to leave the district as she is an illegal resident.
- (d) (Prior to 181310H). Near FSB GARTH, ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ detained DO GIA VAN who was sighted by the ptl as they moved to their AP last night and today was again observed close by. Detainee had blood stains on his cl clothes but on questioning he was released.
- (e) (181845H) At YS446890 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ ambushed 1 pers as he approached their AP from the East and wdr NW. Sweep conducted with nil results.
- (f) (182035H) At YS471925 ptl of HQ B Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted 3 lights mov West, trip wire was set off at the loc of the lights. NFI.

(2) Other Areas

- (a) (181410H) At YS457887 a US wheeled veh detonated a RPG head implaced in the last 24 hrs as a mine. Slight damage to vehicle. At 181530H at the same grid a C Sqn 1 Armd Regt mine clearing tank det a 10 lb Chicom mine resulting in one set of rollers damaged.

(3) AO JUDY

- (a) (Prior to 181925H) At YS412648 ptl of 7 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ detained 6 civs in a lambro. Returned to HOA LONG for interrogation.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Prior to 181847H	YS 4851	Unk	AK 47	Neg hits	<u>RESPONSE</u>	Nil
					No reponse	

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occuring during this reporting period.

- (1) and (3) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted. 1 VC (by SAS)

b,d,e. Omitted.

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(5) Report from XUYEN MOC 181315H. A possible VC supply route exists from a rice garden area at YS628621 possibly used by VC. The route proceeds to YS629635, YS626643, YS617669, YS613675, going parallel to the road to YS615723 where the distribution centre or cache is located.

Comment: The area at YS628621 has habitually been used by the VC as a source of rice. In the past, when food was being supplied by the PHUOC BUU Guerillas to both D445 and also BA LONG RSG. It is of interest to note the possible cache or distribution area at YS615723. Para 1 to Annex C of INTSUM 349/70 gives an account of a report that the VC have warned villagers to stay out of the LANG CAT area (YS6469) until after 31 Dec 70. A VR report in this INTSUM (see ANNEX E. 1. item 1) reports a lack of the normal civilian activity in the same general area NW of XUYEN MOC. It therefore seems possible that this area may be being used by a VC unit, possibly from D445, for distribution of rice and/or caches, prior to a possible offensive in the near future.

(6) (182220H) At YS518532, PHUOC HAI PSDF fired on suspected VC mov. Illum fired, results unk.

(7) (182240H) At YS514533, 124 RF Coy sighted 2 pers mov West then lost sight of pers. NFI.

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ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports

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Distribution:

List A

18 ARVN Div

Sector S2

HQ II FFORCE V

3 Tac Fighter Wing

25 Div

MACV-J2

12 Cbt Avn Gp

2/25 Bde

MACV-CICV

BIEN HOA TAC

RTAVF

Advisory Team 48

ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 352/70  
DATED 18 DEC 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

Biographical Data

Name : NGUYEN THI THANH  
D/POB : 1949, LONG SON Hamlet, LONG DIEN.  
Rank/Appt : Cook/Nurse Orderly  
Unit : LONG DAT District Fwd Supply Council.

Circumstances of Rally: The subject rallied to the ARVN at HOI CU Hamlet in HOI MY (YS5056) 17 Dec after going on a rice supply mission with 8 others to PHUOC HAI.

Exploited Information

1. The subject's unit has been in the HON VUNG Hills at approx YS484518 since Apr 70. They are all in one cave but the unit is divided into 3 sections. The cave itself is about 1.7 metres deep, 3 metres wide and there is enough room for 11 people to sleep and eat.

2. At the base there are M16 mines on both sides of the track going into the camp and the cleared trail, but the subject doesn't know the locations.

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUMENTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 352/70  
DATED 18 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Further Readout

1. Further readout of documents captured by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS453887, 151235H Dec 70 reveal further communications between Rear Svcs 274 Regt, 3 Bn 274 Regt and 84 RSG.
2. A report dated 24 Nov 70 probably from UT TRA (unk) said that at 110830H Nov 70 a combined THAI/AUSTRALIAN force moved from CON RAN KEY position to CA PHE (coffee) plantation (possibly YS4489) and VIET CUONG where they met some members of C5 (possibly elements of 84 RSG), Rear Service Q4 (274 Regt), youths living illegally (possibly draft dodgers), and some members from 32 village (possibly CAM MY). In the contact NAM HAI (unk) was wounded in the arm and both legs, and the VC lost an AK. Comment: This probably refers to the contact reported in INTSUM 315/70 where a ptl from Atk Pl Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 8 en at YS439890 who wdr west without returning fire. The result was one VC WIA, and among other items captured was one AK47. The associated documents were then incorrectly thought to have come from C5 Coy 1st Bn 274 Regt. The enemy's reference to a combined THAI/AUSTRALIAN operation on 11 Nov is a mistake.
2. Documents captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) 171907H Dec at YS462887 on two bodies included photographs, a map, financial reports, receipts, personal letters, and a propaganda pamphlet. Also captured was a certificate granting permission to live in CAM MY Village for TANG CONG (unk) born 1926 in SAIGON. His ID card No is 03295117.
3. No positive identification can be made, but the documents point to Rear Svcs of an unk unit or possibly a District level resupply organisation.
4. S13 Unit (unk) is mentioned and the name MUOI TIEN (unk) is mentioned twice. Also mentioned is TAM CHIEN (probably CO 84 RSG).
5. The general "level" of the documents seem to be at enemy district level, possibly XUAN LOC or CAU SU.
6. Documents CIA at YS453887 at 180820H Dec after a contact were identified as probably belonging to 84 RSG.
7. A personal letter from an unk person to his parents (undated) was found in a bunker at YS445811. No tactical info.

(ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS))  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 352/70  
DATED 18 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Disseminated by G2 Advisor III CORPS from a III CORPS Agent. Eval US F/6.  
Report states that prior to 15 Dec PHU MY and THAI THIEN villages had about two squads hidden in the vic YS200735, while a force of company str was hidden at YS215745 and was to wdr across R15 to the HAT DICH area on ni 15 Dec.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 352/70  
DATED 18 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
180805H	E62-65 N71-74	Numerous foot and ox-cart tracks in area due to most of the area being civil access. No identifiable en sign was seen. No civs in area where there is normally extensive civ activity.
181130H	YS588613	An old bunker complex but no sign of recent activity.

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1. 1st Australian Task force INTSUM No 353/70.
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity.
    - (1) AO MICE
      - (a) Late report. (182357H) At YS433890, ptl of 5 pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted lights flashing between 2 houses. Mov heard on the track leading to 5 Pl AP. Mov engaged. Sweep conducted this morning loc 2 large pigs killed.
    - (2) AO JEANETTE
      - (a) (192024H) At YS449647, ptl from ARU heard noises mov from east to west. Mov heard in a banana patch, and est to 4-5 persons. At 192036H noises were confirmed by 2 sentries, but noise made by a member of the ptl caused the noises to move away, still in a east to west direction.
    - (3) AO JUDY
      - (a) (192915H) Ptl of 12 Pl D Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted lights on a bearing of 5400 mils from their loc at YS399632. Lights were bright and high up in the NUI DINHS Mountains. Sighting was of three flashes fol by pause and then two flashes.
    - (4) AO HANNAH
      - (a) (191000H) At YS379670, ptl of 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn stopped 1 VN female and 2 VN males who were carrying a qty of food in excess of daily requirement. People not detained as they were in civil access. A ptl followed them, and they left main track for a minor track leading towards NUI DINH Mountains.
  - b. Omitted.
4. a,b,c,d,e. Omitted.
  - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA 18 VC	(19) B-40 rounds 4
(2) Omitted	(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(21) Omitted
(4) Omitted	(22) SA rounds 660
(5) Individual Wpns	(23) GRENADES 21
Action 7	(24) AP Mines 3
Caches 1	(25) AT Mines 2
(6) Omitted	(26) TNT 21 lbs
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25lbs.	(27) Omitted
(8-18) Omitted	
5. a. Omitted.
  - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps
    - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.
      - AT MINES
      - 1 at YS457887.
    - (2) Omitted.
- 6.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.
9. 10. Omitted.
11. a,b,c,d,e. Omitted



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11. f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Further to contact on LONG SON at YS 264558 at 181645H (INTSUM 352/70 Para 11.f.(3) refers), 10 pers were detained and are now being held for interrogation at HOA LONG. ORBAT holds records on possibly 2 of these people: BAY of LONG SON Guerilla Unit, and CHINH; Comd Comms Liaison Cell LONG SON.

(2) (Prior to 191325H) At YS328770, ac sighted 2 persons apparently cutting wood. COMMENT. This is just beyond civil access. For other reports of recent activity in this area see INTSUM 350/70 Para 3.a.(3)(a). ANNEX E of this INTSUM.

(3) (Prior to 191740H) At YS781666, Bushranger of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted a large no of animal and human foot tracks which appear 1-2 days old.

(4) (Prior to 19159H) At YS472762, Albatross of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted what appeared to be muzzle flashes. NFI

(5) (19 Dec 70) At YS644635, MATT team loc 2 logs about 1 ft under water, indicating a submerged bridge.

(6) (192000H) At YS458848, US AP heard mov near their loc moving north. Later heard 2 gps approx 150m away. At 192055H they called in WP, rd from FSB Beverly. En engaged AP with SA fire when rd impacted. En then moved east and south. Results, 1 US WIA, Sweep revealed nil en cas.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
II FFORCE V	3 TAC fighter Wing	25 Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOATAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 353/70  
dated 19 Dec 70.

MSS Chief DAT DO reports that a local inhabitant saw a large no of VC at YS5166 in hammocks and bunkers. Eval F4.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 353/70  
dated 19 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
191115H	E 61-66 N 73-75	Many tracks in area, but no recent activity.
191310H	YS364814	Track used 3-4 days ago. A table and 2 cooking pots sighted.
191600H	YS383749	Track crossing clearing used by at least 6 persons over a week ago.
	YS388759	East-West track made by 2-3 persons over a week ago.
	YS364764	Track with logs across it, and what appears to be a patch of flour thinning to the west.
	YS386764	Camp fire with small pieces of shiny metal in ashes. Pieces of cardboard from large boxes in area. Estimated over 1 week old.
	YS336773	Six woodcutters seen between this loc and YS328770.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM 354/70.
2. Period covered from 200400H to 202400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) (191915H-200400H) YS468889, ptl from 5Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted 10 lights approaching this grid from the east. The lights then split into three gps, one gp remained at the grid, another gp moved 200m to the north and then 500m to the west while the third gp moved 200m to the south and then 500m to the west. No effort was made to conceal either lights or noise and the ptl estimated that there were 30 persons in the gp. A sweep was conducted in the morning and at 200943 hrs, at YS465887, the ptl located a cleared area of 2 ft in diameter with a 6 x 2 ins cross scratched in the earth. In the same vicinity was located a stick in the ground; a line between the stick and the cross was in the dir of NDP GARTH. Comment: The possible base plate location is estimated to be that of a 82mm Mortar as the location is approx 2100m from NDP GARTH and therefore out of range of a 60mm Mortar. Both 33 Regt and 274 Regt have the capability of deploying their hy wpons for this role, and it may be possible that an attack by fire from a VC unit may coincide with the proposed high point.

(b) (201643H) at YS423888, 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ ambushed 1 VC dressed in green shirt, black trousers who approached from the NW. Res: 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 AK 47, 1 mags, docus and other items CIA (see para 4 e (2) (a) for list of items).

(c) (202020H) at YS469889, Ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 2 gps of en, one of unk str that approached from the SE, and the other of about 10 en that approached from the NE. En who approached from SE returned fire with SA and a claymore type wpn and then wdr SE; during the contact the en from the NE engaged the Ptl and then moved to the west (poss split) and engaged the ptl again. An APC from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt swept the area in sp with no results. Res: friendly cas nil; en cas unk.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 202120H) at YS401666, 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted lights mov SE in the vic of this grid.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (201600H) at YS617620, D & E Pl op con to 7 RAR located and destroyed 30lb of polished rice, partly dug up. The rice was estimated to have been cached 6 months ago and it was also estimated that it had been dug up just prior to discovery. Six other holes were located in the vic, 3 of them 100m to the NW.

Comment: This area has been previously used by units of both D445 and LONG DAT District, as a base camp area.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1) and (3) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 3 VC (2 by SAS)

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) ~~Individual~~

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown 1 x AK 47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured At YS423888: 1 US compass, 1 plastic wallet, 1 pack containing salt, rice and coffee, US pattern belt and carrier.

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(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
201600H	D & E Pl	YS617620	30 lb rice

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3

(2),(4),(6),(8),(9),(10),(11),(12),(13) to (18),(21) and (27) Omitted

(1) KIA 21 VC	(19) B-40 rounds 4
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20
(5) Individual Wpns	(22) SA rounds 720
Action 8	(23) GRENADES 21
Caches 1	(24) AP Mines 3
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 55 lb	(25) AT Mines 2
	(26) TNT 21 lb

5,6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.

9 and 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 353/70.

(a) Para 3 a (1) (a), amend "YS433870" to read "YS443890"

(b) Para 3 a (3) (a), amend DTG to read 192015H.

(2) Ref INTSUM 352/70.

(a) Para 3, Summary of Enemy Activity: amend no of contacts to read "two".

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (200145H) at YS450620, 586 R Coy sighted and engaged 7 VC moving NW to SE. On contact, the en wdr north with results unk. A sweep was conducted, the following were loc: 1 pr sandals, 1 bowl of hot rice, 5 pkts cigarettes, 1 cooking stove and a small qty of med sups. Comment: Possibly local guerillas attempting infiltration in LONG DIEN for the purpose of resupply.

(2) (201940H) at YS705705, XUYEN MOC reported poss mor primaries, estimated to have come from this loc. No explanation for noises heard; arty engaged the area with results unk.

(3) (Prior to 201230H) at YS374607, BARIA reported that 12 VC have infiltrated LONG HUONG through this loc, Sector forces to investigate. Comment: Possibly elements from BARIA City Unit.

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Annexes

- ANNEX C - Agent Reports
- ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance
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Distribution

List A	11 FFORCE V	MACV-J2	MACV-CICV	RTAVF	18 ARVN Div
3 Tac Fighter Wing	12 Cbt Avn Gp	BIEN HOA TAC	Advisory Team 48	Sector S2	
25(US) Div,	2/25(US) Bde				

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 354/70  
DATED 20 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received at Sector S2, uneval.  
(110800H Dec 70) at YS236728, approx 40 VC of D65 Engr Bn wearing mixed uniforms were seen. Arms incl: 3 x B40 and B41, 1 x HMG, 1 x MG and personal wpns.  
Comment: It is thought unlikely that the VC seen were members from D65 Engr Bn as they are thought to have left this general area for the MAY TAO's. No ident can be drawn from the above report.
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ANNEX D TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 354/70  
DATED 20 DEC 70

GROUND SURVEILLANCE

1. HORSESHOE HILL radar detected the following:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE</u>
192040H	YS542595	2-3 mov SW
192135H	YS538634	3-4 mov West
192148H	YS542632	4-5 mov East
192336H	YS518627	2-3 Stationary
200145H	YS536633	2-3 Stationary

Comment: No pattern estb, probably local VC.

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ANNEX E TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 354/70.  
DATED 20 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
200800H	YS616590	Tracks of one pers mov North, 1-2 days ago.
201000H	YS656757	An old camp site with one pit, 5 ft square and 3 ft deep, showed no signs of recent activity.
	YS655760	An old bunker complex with one pit 15 x 8 ft, of unk depth and other smaller pits; shows no signs of recent activity.

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1. ~~1st~~ Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 355/70.

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2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Dec 70.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) Further to INTSUM 354/70 para 3.a.(1)(a). Sweep of area confirmed that the gp from SW was also approx 10 persons. No further evidence of a claymore type wpn believed used in the contact.

(b)(211540H). At YS467885, 5 Pl B Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a hole approx 12ins x 12ins x 6ft. 1 SKS rifle and an empty ammo box found in the hole. Two tunnels at the bottom of the hole. One 6ft long, 3 ft high and 12ins wide. Other 18ins x 18ins and length unk.

(2) AO JUDY

(a)(211400H). At YS231737, 8 Pl C Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a bunker 6x3 x3ft with 12ins OHP, 1 week old and last used 2 hrs previously. A north/south track ran through area. For items CIA see para 3. At YS231743, a qty of rice was loc in 11 bags. See para 4(e)(3).

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
211216H	YS480513	150 ft	LMG	Downed	A/S conducted	Unk

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a.b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1  
(c) Breakdown 1 x SKS.

(2) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS231737	Rice	101b	Destroyed
	Fish	51b	Destroyed
	Prawns	11b	Destroyed
YS231743	Rice	3151b	Handed to CA Unit

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(2)(4)(6)(8) to (18)(21)(27) Omitted.

(1) KIA 21 VC	(20) 12.7mm rounds 20
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(22) SA rounds 720
(5) Individual Weapons	(23) GRENADES 21
Action 8	(24) AP Mines 3
Caches 1	(25) AT Mines 2
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons	(26) TNT 21 lb.
(19) B-40 rounds 4	

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. Documents CIA by 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS423888 (ref INTSUM 354/70 para 3.a.(1)(b), ident body as probably a member of Rear Services SR4.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Further to 586 RF Coy contact at YS450620 on 200145H (INTSUM 354/70 para 11.f.(1) refers). Items recovered incl 1 claymore mine complete, qty of food-stuffs and qty of misc eqpt and med sups.

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(2) Late Report. (201745H) At YT315080, GVN forces engaged 10 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA. 2 x AK47 CIA.

(3) Late Report. (202045H). At YS374607, NPFF, elms of 302 and 577 RF Coys conducted a cordon and search op fol a report of an infiltration into NG HUONG (ref INTSUM 354/70 para 11.f.(3)). 2 VN males and 1 VN female detained. Released after interrogation.

(4) (211350H) At YS533567, 124 RF Coy loc 6 bunkers last used approx 2-3 months ago and in very poor condition. Loc in system were 1 x M16 fuse assembly, 2 fish traps and qty cooking eqpt.

(5) (Prior to 211216H) At YS480513, a light observation helicopter took ground fire from a LMG. At 211510H an A/S was conducted on this loc. All bombs were within 50m of target, but no BDA was conducted.

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Attachments

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Distribution

List A	18 ARVN <del>DEVI</del> <del>LIEM</del>	Sector S2
II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX B (Captured Documents)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 355/70  
dated 21 Dec 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A personal letter was captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a pack at YS 462887 on 171907H Dec. It was written by NGO VAN PHU aka NGO VAN CUONG of K76C Hospital (MR7) to his father NGO VAN TRI, Xuan Loc Hamlet, TRUNG THANH Village VUNG LIEM District (Unk). The letter was dated 4 Dec 70. No tactical info.

2. Documents captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a camp at YS469881 at 172000H included:-

a. An envelope marked from CHINH (unk) to HAI CAN (unk-no longer thought to be CO D65 as reported in INTSUM 350/70) to LBN A185N (possibly CAO SU District), undated.

b. A portion of a letter to ANH BA (unk). NFI.

c. A typed message from 6250/UT (probably LONG DAT District HQ) to all organisations and units. It was signed by HO VIET HOA (Executive Offr CAO SU District) 30 Nov 70 and refers to the celebration of "Victory Parties" in units.

3. Documents captured by 4 Pl B Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on a body at YS423888 at 201643H Dec included personal letters, a promotion order and note books. The documents probably belonged to HOANG KHAC DAM, aka HUONG XUAN DAM. He appears to be a Sect Comd in the Rear Svcs of SR4.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 355/70  
dated 21 Dec 70.

From Sector S2, graded ARVN C3:-

An agent reports an en unit (70 persons) wearing ARVN type uniforms, carrying one crew served wpn and pers wpns at YS635660. They told jungle workers not to enter the area.

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ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 355/70  
dated 21 Dec 70

1. HORSESHOE HILL radar detected the fol:

TIME	LOCATION	MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE
202134H	YS557623	3-5 mov west
202200H	YS558625	3-5 mov west
210230H	YS546623	1 mov north
210235H	YS547623	1 mov north

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 355/70  
dated 21 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

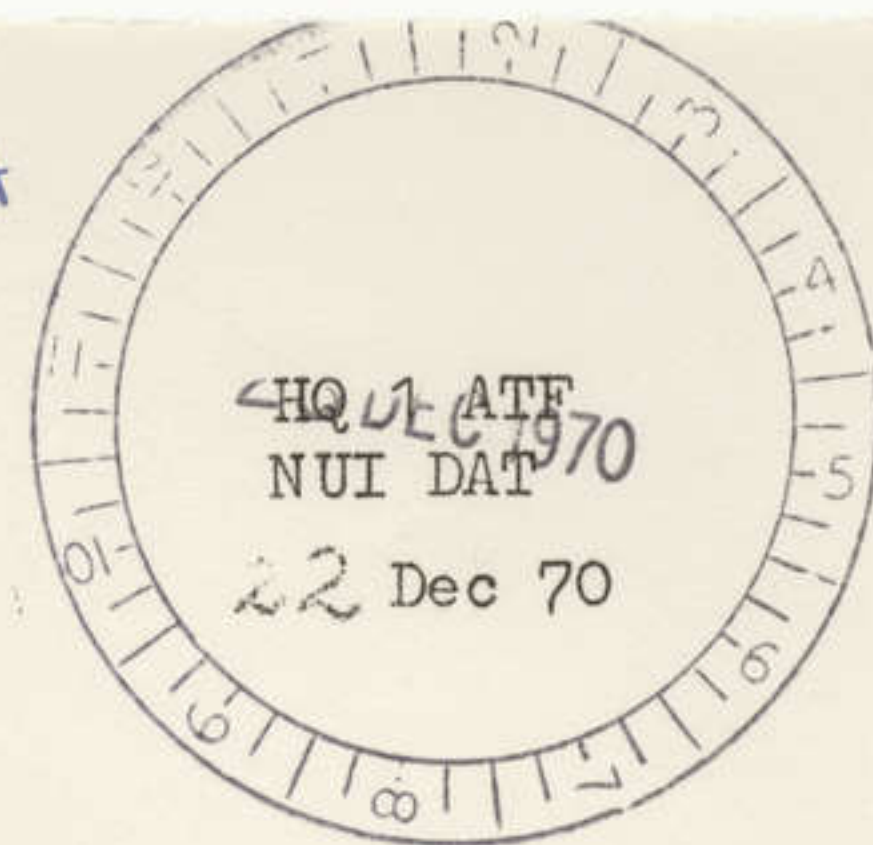
<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
211030H	YS227724	Footprints of 2 people made within last 24 hrs. Wearing boots and HO CHI MINH sandals.
	YS232738	Large camp extending south for approx 150 yards. At least 6 bunkers, 4 tunnel entrances and other fighting pits. One pers sighted hiding from ac, ran to southern end and appeared to dive into a bunker. Person sighted was wearing black clothes, but no weapon was seen.
211100H	YS735852	Track running NW/SE used by 15-20 persons in last 2-3 days.

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70  
(PERIOD 14 DEC - 20 DEC 70)

MR3

Enemy Activity

1. Activity remained at a generally low level in the MR, although there was a slight increase in the number of attacks by fire and an increase in terrorist activity in SAIGON.
2. On 16th December BEIN HOA Airbase (XT9913) received five 122mm rockets resulting in equipment damage. In the region North of PHUOC TUY Province there were four attacks by rocket or mortar between 16th and 19th December. On 16th December an ARVN Compound (YT6211) received 10-12 107 or 122mm rockets without casualties. FSB MACE (YT6311) received 3 to 5 107 or 122mm rockets on 16th December, and seven 60mm mortar rounds on 19th December. Neither attack caused casualties. On 18th December XUAN LOC received four 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 16 US wounded.
3. In SAIGON on 19th December two 122mm rockets were received resulting in six civilians killed and two injured. There were three reported terrorist incidents during the week. On 15th and 16th December terrorists detonated two charges, each of more than 30 lbs, inside US BOQs, resulting in one US killed, one wounded and a number of Vietnamese civilians wounded. On 16th December terrorists on a motor cycle threw a grenade into a group of civilians, resulting in one US civilian killed, nine US civilians and one soldier injured and one Vietnamese civilian killed and thirteen injured.

Friendly Activity

4. On 12th December US forces found a cache North East of BU GIA MAP (YU383413), PHUOC LONG Province, in which were discovered 622 82mm mortar rounds, 599 B40 rounds and 86,800 small arms rounds.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

5. A Hoi Chanh who has rallied near LONG THANH has provided information about some medical units of MR7. The Hoi Chanh claimed that he had been trained in a hospital designated 1500 and located on NUI MAY TAO (YS7391), and at the K20 hospital some 13Km South West of BLACKHORSE (YS3488). He claimed that an airstrike in September had collapsed a tunnel complex at Hospital 1500 killing all but a few of the 120 patients and staff inside. This has not been confirmed by ground sweeps but on 21-24 November 51 bunkers were found in the area described and some showed evidence of hospital activity.
6. There has so far been little indication of the projected high point scheduled to commence on 19th December. However, other high points in the past have been delayed and some increase in offensive activity could still occur.

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7. There was a slight increase in activity involving 1 ATF during the week, with a total of nine contacts with the enemy. These contacts resulted in a possible 17 enemy killed, of which 14 are confirmed, and two wounded. Two Australians were wounded.

Contacts South of NDP GARTH

8. Six of the contacts, resulting in 14 enemy killed, were initiated by 2 RAR/NZ in the area of the VIET CUONG and COURTENAY Rubber Plantations South of NDP GARTH (YS4590). Captured documents have identified 274 Regt, including its Rear Services, 84 Rear Service Group, possibly a district level resupply organisation and possibly C205 Protection Section of Headquarters SR4. The pattern of enemy movement is East-West and seems to be related to the known enemy use of the VIET CUONG Plantation as a liaison

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station for communications between BA LONG Province and Sub Region 4, and for distribution of supplies. Many of the Rear Service facilities of 274 Regt are located to the west of the VIET CUONG.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations.

9. D445. No further contact has been made with this unit which is believed still to be in the XUYEN MOC area.
10. LONG DAT is still in the LONG HAI. On 21st December an observation helicopter was forced to land after receiving ground fire from HON VUNG Mountain, from YS480513. Three days previously an aircraft received AK47 fire from the same general location with no hits and on 21st November an aircraft received machine gun fire, also with no hits, from the same grid reference from which fire was also received on 21st December.
11. CHAU DUC. No contact has been made with this group.
12. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt is believed still to be in the area East of BLACKHORSE (approx area square YT5503).

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions.

13. Most of the enemy contacted South of GARTH in the past week have probably been engaged on liaison tasks. However, a suspected enemy 82mm mortar base plate position has been found South of GARTH and apparently targetted against that location. Should an enemy high point materialize during the coming week an attack by fire against GARTH is a possibility.
14. Between 12th and 19th December there have been five mining incidents on Route 2 South of GARTH, following a period of several weeks during which no such incidents were reported. It is thought possible that this increase in activity may be intended as a contribution towards the high point which was reportedly planned for the present period.
15. D445 remains in the general area of XUYEN MOC and elements may have infiltrated the village on the night 18/19 December. XUYEN MOC remains a likely target for an attack by D445.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 356/70
2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO LONG LE

(a) Late report (212245H) At YS417654, tk of 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted a light 100 m east of above loc. Light moved and was fired upon with nil res.

(2) AO MICE

(a) (220814H) At YS457887 mine clearing tank detonated 10 lb CHICOM block explosive buried below the surface. Res: 1 set of rollers buckled.

(b) (221815H) At YS470896, 1 Sect 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a 20 lb anti-vehicle/tank mine of CHICOM block, Mine was laid on old APC track and poss operated by a tilt switch. Res: 1 APC damaged.

(3) AO JEANETTE

(a) (Prior to 221215H) At YS439631. ptl from 1 ARU loc small tunnel system over 6 years old.

(4) AO YVONNE

(a) Late report(211620H) At YS376721, ptl of 1 ARU loc a staging camp poss used for carrying party. Camp extends from YS376721 south along the river for 100 m. Consists of 30-40 pits with exit/entry pts north, south, east and west. Camp 2 weeks old and last used 2 weeks ago and in good condition. Loc were 6 med phials(4 empty, 2 filled), 1 cup canteen and helmet outer (both US type), 203x50 cal rounds, 2 letters, 2 ammo liners, 10 sandbags, 1 bottle(possiodine) and a qty of US webbing eqpt. Also loc were 2x1CM bomblets (poss 155mm).

(5) AO MANGO

(a) (221000H) At YS258764, 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc 3 pits 8'x3'x4 ft approx 5 years old and last used 5 years ago. Pits had been destroyed. Loc were 1 inert 6" French Naval shell, 30 metal containers for shaped charges and other scrap metal.

(6) AO XUYEN MOC

(a) (221230H) At YS628649, 1 Sect 1 Tp ~~B~~ Sqn ~~3~~ Armd Regt loc a tunnel complex with 2 storage bays and 2 fighting pits. System 50x10m running east-west parallel to R23. System included 2 shell scrapes 3'x3'x2ft. The 2 storage bays were 7ft underground, L shaped (vertical 3'x3'x7ft and horizontal 3'x3'x5ft). Tunnel was 82ft long x3'x3ft. 4 entry/exit multi directional. System 6-9 months old, last used 2-4 months ago and in good condition.

(7) AO NAOMI

(a) (221110H) At YS482562, team from 1 Fd Sqn destroyed a 30-40 lb mine that had been pointed out by a civilian. Mine est to be emplaced for approx 2 weeks, near where mine was reported 7 weeks ago. (Refer INTSUM 315/70 para 11 f (b) which reported the detonation of a mine by a cow at YS496556 on 11 Nov 70, and that the VC are laying mines on R326 along the telephone lines).

(b) D & E Ptl, HQ Coy, 1 ATF reported sighting a slash in a tree on 201004 Dec at YS617617. The slash was 18" high by 6" wide and was in the centre of a bunker system thought to be previously occupied by C3 Coy D445. Markings of a similar size and shape have now been found on former D445 positions on 13 May, 27 Apr and 12 Dec 70. On the 3 latter dates the markings were also discovered near the perimeter of the positions.

Comment. There are poss special signs for use within D445.

(8) OTHER AREAS

(a) (221620H) At YS789937, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 3 VC who returned fire with automatic wpns. Res. 1 AK47 and 1 pack CIA. 2 BT followed but search abandoned because of terrain.

b. Omitted



4. a.b.c.d. Omitted  
 e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1. (b) Omitted. (c) Breakdown 1x AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

Refer 3 a (4)(a), 3 a (5)(a), 3 a (8)(a).

(b) Omitted.

(3) (4) (5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(2), (4), (6), (8)-(18), (21), (27) Omitted

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| (1) KIA 23 VC                             | (20) 12.7mm rounds 20 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1                           | (22) SA rounds 923    |
| (5) Individual Wpns                       | (23) GRENADES 21      |
| Action 9, Caches 2.                       | (24) AP Mines 3       |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons | (25) AT Mines 5       |
| (19) B-40 rounds 4                        | (26) TNT 21 lb        |

5. a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES. 1 at YS457887 and YS482562.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
221815H	YS439896	A - Veh/Tk	1 APC damaged

6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted

11. Micellaneous

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

1. (220030H) At YS479598, the PHUOC THANH Village Office at DAT DO received B40 and tracer fire fol by a ground probe by 20 plus VC. Tracer fire received on a bearing of 2200 mils. At 220100H, VC wdr SE. Res. 3 GVN pers KIA(2PF and 1 PSDF). 11 WIA and 17 MIA.
- (220715H) At YS479590, 578 RF Coy and MAT 2 loc blood trails leading SE and SW. Est 4-5 VC WIA. At YS477595, 578 RF Coy and MAT 2 loc 2 VC KIA(BC) plus 1xB40 and 5 rounds, 1xD10 mine, 13 CHICOM grens and 1 AK47.
- (220830H) At YS481581, 578 RF Coy and MAT 2 loc 3 fresh graves containing 3 bodies, KIA in attack on DAT DO. Also loc 2 blood trails (2 WIA poss). One body ident as DUONG VAN SUNG, (Ex PF) of D445.
2. (220730H) At Xs993877, 395 RF Coy were ambushed by a pl of VC. Res: 1 RF KIA, 6 RF WIA, 2 PSDF MIA and 2 M1 carbines MIA.
3. (221000H) At YS4452, a ¾ ton veh detonated a mine of unk size. Res: 10 MSF KIA, 1 veh completely destroyed.
4. (221015H) At YS459891, NP and 40 PF pl detained 8 person, (6 women, 1 girl and a man) for having 100 lb rice and numerous illegal stores. Detainees and stores removed to DUC THANH by 1 Sect 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
5. (221130H) At YS459884, NP from DUC THANH and ptl from 2 RAR detained 10 pers. 8 pers were illegal plantation workers and were released. Other two are NGUYEN THI THEU, 28 years, and NGUYEN VAN CHIEU, 68 years. House at loc contained 50 kilos of rice, 1 kilo tobacco, 10 kilos sugar, approx 20 lb tea, and unk qty of canned milk.



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6. (221615H) At YS483829, NP from DUC THANH detained 31 pers from the coffee plantation who were outside civil acces areas.

Attachments

ANNEX B - Captured Documents. ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance. ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance  
Distribution

List A	MACV-CICV	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Advisory Team 48
II FFORCE V	RTAVF	12 Cbt Avn Gp	Sector S2
MACV-J2	18 ARVN Div	BIEN HOA TAC	25 Div
			2/25 US Bde

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ANNEX B (Captured documents)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 356/70  
dated 22 Dec 70.

1. Ref INTSUM 355/70 Annex B item 1, last line. VUNG LIEM District is in VINH BINH Province MR4.

ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 356/70  
dated 22 Dec 70.

1. (212207H) At YS526613, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
2. (212230H) At YS526614, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
3. (212245H) At YS526614, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
4. (212315H) At YS526614, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
5. (220635H) At YS536632, 2-3 pers stationary

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 356/70  
dated 22 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
Prior to 221215H	YS7361	On the shore line between the two pts ac sighted 10-15 boats.
	(NUI TAM BO)	Bush rangers engaged area to discourage any landing or RV. At
	to 221245H	no boats within 200m of shore line.
221355H	YS658901	6 pers near a track, moved into cover as ac approached.
221200H	YS288732	A track runs south from grid where it crossed a creek line at YS303725, followed up to spur line at YS302722 where there was a small lie up area. Track approx 2 weeks old and used by a small party moving south.
	YS291722	A large cave under a big rock containing a chair, a table, several long boards and a couple of bottles. Approx 40 yds down the western slope are 2 smaller caves. Area shows signs of light movement within the last month.
	YS728732	A hole in the side of a large bomb crater appeared to enter 2ft and then open into a large room. Size of hole approx 15" diam. No signs of recent activity.
	YS292752	A large tunnel entrance, recently dug and approx 2ft diam. A smaller hole nearby. Tunnel was at side of a small clearing. A lie up area about 50 yds east on the edge of another small clearing with heavy track leading north, approx 1 week old.
220800H	YS657745	Ox cart track used approx 1 month ago by several ox carts enters this area from the south and enters a Y junction at the grid. Other tracks run east and north to YS657745.
221000H	Y 3734618	Old bunkers and trenches, no recent use.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 357/70
- 2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) Further to INTSUM 356/70 para 3.a.(1)(b), tunnels found by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ. Tunnels were 3 ftx2 ftx6 ft and 18 insx18 insx15 ft. System 9-12 months old, last used 9-12 months ago and in fair condition. System was destroyed.

(b) (222200H-230330H) At YS461887 APC of SHQ B Sqn, 3 Cav Regt sighted 2 lights. After sighting, one light moved north and the other south. At 222245H one light moved west along the track and halted out of range of claymores. It then went out. The en moved north approx 300m and then the light was seen again for 5 mins. Light then went out and was not seen for the rest of the night, but movement was heard on all sides of the AP throughout the remainder of the night. It is believed 1-2 gps of en were involved in this movement. Comment. Probably movement of commo-liaison personnel on known east-west route through the VIET CUONG and COURTENAY Plantation.

(c) (Prior to 230135H) FSB GARTH (YS452905) reported flares and .50 cal fire 2 1/2 km to the north. NFI. Comment. Checked with 2/25 Bde and 18 ARVN Div. Incident still unexplained.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 230101H) 4 Fd Regt sighted several flares on a bearing of 2600 mils, distance 500m from YS449664. Also on a bearing of 3400 mils at a distance of 800 m from YS449664 lights were sighted at 15 sec intervals. Prior to 230129H more flares sighted in area of previous sightings. Prior to 230145H more flares (all hand held) on a bearing 3000 mils from YS449664.

(b) (Prior to 230128H) At YS407649, 7 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted lights 300-400 m to their north.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (231430H) At YS658834, 3 Pl A Coy 7 RAR loc a grave containing a body which had been buried by the VC. Comment. On 11 Nov 70 a SAS Ptl had a contact in the area in which they killed one en. Possibly the body found in this grave.

(b) (231640H) At YS752854, HQ 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc 6 sets of footprints, less than 12 hours old, heading west-east. Tracks followed with no results.

(c) (231100H) At YS627649, 1 Sect 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a tunnel and storage complex 30mx5 m. Tunnel 100 ftx3 ftx5 1/2 ft and storage section 6 ftx3 ftx3 ft. Entry/exit east-west multi-directional. System 6-9 months old and used in last 2-4 weeks and is in excellent condition.

(b) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Omitted.

(f) Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 23 VC                             | (8)-(18) Omitted       |
| (2) Omitted                               | (19) B-40 rounds 4     |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1                           | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (4) Omitted                               | (21) Omitted           |
| (5) Individual Wpns                       | (22) SA rounds 923     |
| Action 9                                  | (23) Grenades 21       |
| Caches 2                                  | (24) AP Mines 3        |
| (6) Omitted                               | (25) AT Mines 3        |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons | (26) TNT 21 lbs        |
|   | (27) Omitted           |

5.6.7. Omitted.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

(a) Omitted.

(b) Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM 356/70.

(1) Para 3.a.(6)(a) delete "G Sqn 1 Armd Regt" and insert "B Sqn 3 Cav Regt".

(2) Para 3.a.(7)(b) delete "D & E Pl" and insert "D & E Pl".

(3) Para 4.f.(25) amend to read "3".

(4) Para 11.f.(3) amend "10 MSF KIA" to read "8 MSF KIA".

(c)(d)(e) Omitted.

(f) Other Items of Reporting Interest.

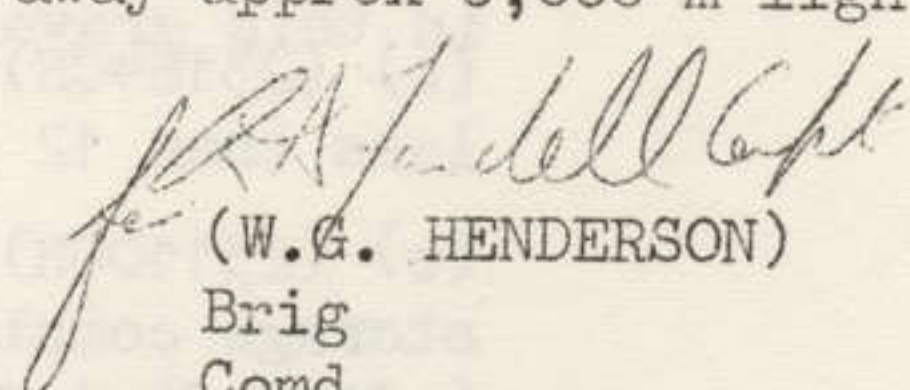
(1) Further to INTSUM 356/70 para 11.f.(1) which gave an account of an en attack on PHUOC THANH Village Office, DAT DO (at YS479598) on 22 Dec 70, comment is as follows:-

Three of the VC KIA have been ident as belonging to C1/D445. The wdr route from the scene of the attack is beleived to lead back into the LONG HAIs. It is therefore possible that an element of all of C1/D445 may have re-established themselves back in their old base in the MINH DAM Secret Zone (LONG HAIs). To date some recent identification has been made of C1, C2, C3, K8, and K9 from either contacts or docus. C4/D445, the Hy Wpns Coy, has not recently been identified, and as K8 is possibly present with D445, it may be that C4 was the coy that was sent to BA LONG Province HQ in approx Aug 70 for training as sappers. C4/D445 was last identified from docus on a body which identified VO VAN HOA, Asst Pl ldr, C4/D445, at YS53013. (Refer INTSUM 2/25 336/70, ANNEX B.)

(2) (230115H) At YS472604, 32 PF Pl sighted 2-4 suspected VC. 60mm HE and illumination fired with nil res.

(3) (231240H) At YS482503 USAF conducted A/S. BDA: 1 cave closed, 1 secondary explosion.

(4) (Prior to 231945H) At YS555575 ac sighted 4 lights. When ac flew over the lights were extinguished but when ac had flown away approx 6,000 m lights were again visible.

  
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Attachments

ANNEX B - Captured Documents  
ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
HQ II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 US Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM 357/70  
dated 23 Dec 70.

1. Documents captured by 1 ARU (see INTSUM 356/70) 211620H Dec in a staging camp at YS376721 were two letters and part of a cigarette cover.
2. No tactical information nor unit identifications could be made.

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ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM 357/70  
dated 23 Dec 70.

Ground Surveillance

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. (222220H) YS531612, 2-3 pers stationary | 7. (230013H) YS504620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh           |
| 2. (222240H) YS506620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh    | 8. (230026H) YS502620, 1x veh stat                |
| 3. (222255H) YS504620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh    | 9. (230055H) YS501621, 1x veh stat                |
| 4. (222320H) YS505620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh    | 10. (230105H) YS503621, 5-6 pers stat             |
| 5. (222355H) YS504620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh    | 11. (230520H) YS538582, 2-3 pers mov north        |
| 6. (230013H) YS501621, 1 veh mov east      | 12. (230605H) YS526625, 1 pers mov east           |
|  | 13. (230610H) YS533624, 1-2 pers (went to ground) |
|  | 14. (230630H) YS528627, 1 pers mov north          |

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 357/70  
dated 23 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

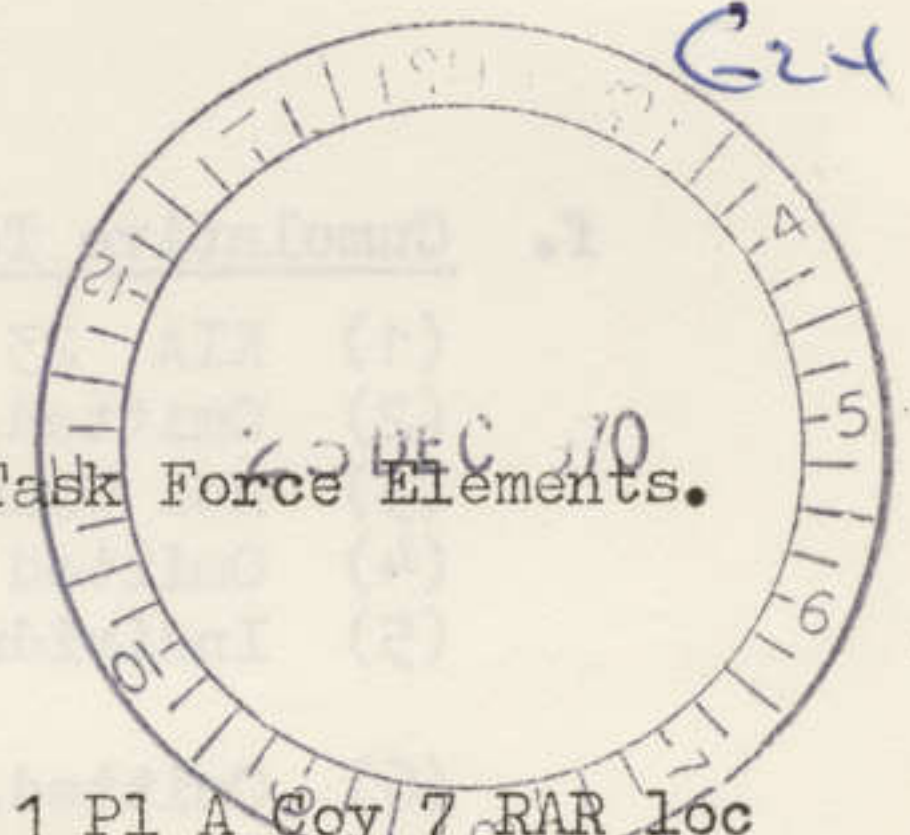
<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
230630H	YS475702	Cooking fire.
	YS786915 (vic R331)	Fresh tracks in cleared areas.
230805H	YS225599	3 fishing boats with fishermen gathering poles. There are several tracks matted with stripped foliage from the poles. This foliage may have been used to hide footprints.

2.3.4.5. Omitted

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 358/70.
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO NAOMI.

(a) Late Report (231300H) at YS650826, ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR 16c and destroyed a camp which covered an area 100X200m, comprising 12 bunkers with 18" OHP, 20 corrugated iron lean to's with beds and fire places for family groups, 2 slit trenches with collapsed OHP, 4 fresh water springs, 1 CP, with 2 entry/exit tunnels, and horseshoe-shaped pits. The camp was est to be 3-4 yrs old, last used 1 month ago and in a fair condition, numerous tracks lead into and through the camp. The camp was est to have been regularly used by gps in transit. Loc and destroyed in the camp were 2 old AK47 bayonets and numerous cooking utensils.

(b) (242043H) at YS504543, Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 7 RAR, in defence of their posn, engaged with 1 claymore mine, 2 en who approached to within close proximity of their loc, from the west. Res: en wdr with unk cas.

(2) AO JUDY.

(a) (241330H) at YS308697, D and E Pl loc 4 old frag grens partially buried under a rock. The grens were without levers but still had safety pins and were est to have been in the loc for a long time.

(b) (241630H) at YS359647, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc 15 inch long stick placed across a north/south track. The stick had VN writing on one side and Chinese writing on the other.

COMMENT: Translation will be provided after backloading.

(3) AO MICE.

(a) Late Report (232015H) at YS458894, an APC from Sqn HQ B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted 1 light that approached from the south and 2 other lights that approached from the SE. The lights approached to within 300m of the APC's loc and remained there until 240130 hrs. A sweep of the area this morning revealed no signs.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	*DAMAGE	**FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
241036H	Y 480513	2600 ft	SA	1	A	N/A
241900H	YS4851	unk	unk	1	A	N/A

\*DAMAGE CODE: 1-Neg hits, 2-Light damage, 3-Moderate damage, 4-Downed, 5-Crashed

\*\*RESPONSE CODE: A-No response, B-Returned fire with organic weapons, C-Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. - d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. At YS650826: 2 old AK47 bayonets, cooking utensils.  
At YS308697: 4 frag grens.

(3) - (5) Omitted.







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On 6 Dec 70 at YS230790, 5 km N of PHU MY, LE THI DINH rallied and stated that she was a member of the 84 Rear Svc Gp. DINH gave information concerning the location of the 84 Rear Svc Gp. The headquarters was located in the MAY TAO Mountain area, vic YS730900, from Jan to Oct 70. In Aug and Sep 70, when ARVN and allied forces conducted operations in the area, HQ 84 Rear Svc Gp ordered its subordinate units to disperse their forces in the area of the headquarters. The 84 Rear Svc Gp suffered 20 to 30 KIA as a result of the allied operations. They also found troubles in the purchase and collection of supplies from their supply points in BAO BINH, vic YT480038, and BAO MY, vic YS580998. The rice supply was exhausted in Aug 70. Because of the allied operations and few supplies, morale was low and desertion was a problem. In Oct 70, the source and 14 others departed the MAY TAO Mountain area in order to make contact with an unknown rear svc element in the RUNG SAT Special Zone. They passed the following areas: SONG RAI vic YS585857; Route 2, vic YS457893; CHOI DONG, vic YS402815; PHUOC THAI, vic YS273768; with the ultimate destination being the THI VAI Stream area, vic YS245740. On 6 Dec 70, when the group was crossing Route 15, vic YS230790, the source rallied. DINH gave the following personalities: TAM CUONG, CO and BA CU, PO, both of the HQ 84 Rear Svc Gp; and TAM CON, CO Rear Svc Gp, SR-4.....(G2 Comment: Formerly the HQ 84 Rear Svc Gp was unlocated in VC BA LONG. OB will now hold the location vic YS730900. In MR-7, it is common to find the supply routes in a N to S direction and commo-liaison routes in an E to W direction. Therefore, the small group of cadre which travelled from MAY TAO to THI VAI were possibly being reassigned to HQ SR-4. This is quite possible because of the unavailability of food and supplies to the 84 Rear Svc Gp. OB currently holds TAM CUONG as CO and BA CU as PO of the 84 Rear Svc Gp and TAM CON as CO of HQ SR-4). COMMENT (1 ATF). This report provides further evidence of mov by en rear service elms through the VIET CUONG and COURTENAY Plantation areas in 2 RAR/NZ AO MICE.

2. II FFORCE V have provided the fol report regarding espionage in MR 3: A Hoi Chanh recently confirmed that exploitation of Vietnamese nationals working on US and allied bases is a standard operating procedure of VC/NVA espionage. The use of women employed as clerks and maids on US and THAI bases to carry out low level observation is reportedly common. Source stated that a high percentage of the people residing near US and allied bases are sympathetic to the VC cause. These people include local inhabitants, bar girls, and prostitutes. These individuals are regularly exploited for information. Source stated that the use of men as low level informants and observers is rare. Any information gathered by these sources is relayed verbally to the collection agency at prearranged locations.

ANNEX C TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 358/70  
DATED 24 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received from 7 RAR from VN sources at HOI MY, uneval:  
Locations of elements of D445 as at late afternoon on 24 Dec:
  - a. HQ D445 at YS601589 and intend to stay at that loc.
  - b. C1 or C2 Coy D445 at YS545575 and they intend to move to HOI CUU(AP LO GOM), HOI MY and PHUOC LOI on night of 24/25 Dec.
  - c. C3 Coy D445 at YS481518 and they intend to move to LANG PHUOC HAI on night 24/25 Dec.
2. Report received from 7 RAR from VN sources uneval, at 242045H: 10 VC have entered HOI MY.
3. Report received at HOA LONG, eval unk:  
(241700H) at YS495643, 19 VC (17 male, 2 female) were seen, arms incl 2 X B40.  
Direction of movement not known.
4. Report received by 7 RAR from DIOCC, eval VN C1:  
(241700H), 40 VC have moved from the MINH DAM SECRET ZONE (LONG HAI HILLS) to the LONG MY jungle.(SW of HOI MY).

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ANNEX E TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 358/  
DATED 24 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
240800H	YS733864	Smoke was seen in this vic but due to the thick canopy, only 3 small holes, in line, were seen. The area is suspected to contain a camp although no structures could be seen.
	YS752863	A well worn track runs south alongside the fire trail to YS751850, 10-15m out from the eastern side of the trail.
241000H	E81-84 N73-76	Many track were seen in the area, incl fresh animal prints. COMMENT: Probably illegal gardeners.
241330H	YS765768	An intersection of tracks made recently by 20 (plus) pers.
241500H	YS650628	One bunker.

2. - 5. Omitted.

ANNEX E TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 358/  
DATED 24 DEC 70

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 359/70.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity
    - (1) AO MICE
      - (a) (250020H). At YS 459894, APC of SHQ B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in defence of their posn engaged 1 en. En was carrying a light and was approaching friendly posn. Sweep revealed nil results.
      - (b) (Prior to 250010H). At FSB GARTH (YS 451905), lights were seen at approx 1500m on a bearing of 600 mils. Flares and two bursts of SA fire were also reported.
      - (c) (251000H). At YS 470890, 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn observed a gp of pers mov hurriedly east. Gp saw pl and changed direction to the NE, still mov quickly. Pl followed up and loc a blood trail which is believed to be a result of contact at 250010H at YS 459894 with SHQ B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
    - (2) AO JOANNE
      - (a) (251400H). At YS 650826, A Coy 7 RAR loc an M16 mine. Mine was not buried, and was U/S.
4. a. b. c. d. e. Omitted
  - f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

(1) KIA 23 VC	(19) B-40 rounds 4
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20
(5) Individual Wpns	(22) SA rounds 923
Action 9	(23) GRENADES 25
Caches 2	(24) AP Mines 4
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons	(25) AT Mines 3
	(26) TNT 21 lb

2,4,6, 8, to 18, 21, 27 Omitted
5. a. Omitted
  - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps
    - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.
 

AP MINES  
1 at YS 650826
6. 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.
9. 10. Omitted
11. Micellaneous
  - a. Omitted
  - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS  
INTSUM 356/70  
ANNEX E amend "YS728732" to read "YS288732".
  - c.d.e. Omitted
  - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) Late report. (241055H). At YT 569010, elm of 2/25 Bde contacted en force. Results 3 NVA KIA, 2 US WIA, 1 Kit Carson Scout WIA.



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(2) (251600H). At YS 440630, according to an unconfirmed report, an unk no of villagers were stopped by 9 VC (7 males, 2 females) for an unspecified purpose. NFI.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	RTAVF	BIEN HOA TAC	2/25 Bde
II FFORCE V	18 ARVN Div	Advisory Team 48	
MACV-J2	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Sector S2	
MACV-CICV	12 Cbt Avn Gp	25 Div	

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 359/70  
dated 25 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
250800H	YS767767	Old bunker system with some usable bunkers. Tracks of 20 - 30 persons found to lead to system from track junction at YS766767. Track about 1 - 2 weeks old runs SW from junction and joins main track.
	YS703746	Large track from YS729769. Old bunker system used in last month. Tunnel entrance at YS712750.
251000H	YS750873	Well worn track used in last 7 days.
	YS753872	Surrounding area showed signs of much mov for 150m over the past few days. Two fireplaces and a poss bunker in area.
	YS782863	Track to YS786868 about a week old, used by 2 persons mov north.
251230H	YS815846	Rice on fire trail has been harvested. Track runs west from this loc to YS785844 where it joined a known track system. Track has had recent heavy use. Other tracks in this area showed signs of use.
241200H	YS284551 YS289556	Old tunnels and bunkers with no signs of recent use seen at both locs.
251250H	YS 7262	Large number of fishing boats unusually close to shore. 1 boat on beach, No 522/VT2947.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 360/70.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity
    - (1) AO NAOMI

(a) Late report (251600H) at YS648852, 1 pl A Coy 7 RAR loc a secure transit area over an area of 100m sq, comprising 15 bunkers with 9-18 ins OHP and numerous entry / exit pts. The camp was estimated to be 6 months old, last used 3-4 months ago and in good condition. Loc were cooking pots and 1 hoe.
    - (2) AO JUDY

(a) (261900H) at YS41624, 2Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted a 4 wheeled veh mov west to east at this loc. Upon sighting 2 Tp, the veh's lights were extinguished and the veh moved off to the west. The area was illum but nothing further was seen.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
  - a. b. c. d. e. Omitted
  - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA	23	VC	(19) B-40 rds	4
(2) Omitted			(20) 12.7 mm rds	20
(3) Hoi Chanh	1		(21) Omitted	
(4) Omitted			(22) SA rds	923
(5) Individual Wpns	Action	9	(23) GRENADES	25
	Caches	2	(24) AP Mines	4
(6) Omitted			(25) AT Mines	3
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	0.19	Tons	(26) TNT	21 lb
(8 - 18) Omitted			(27) Omitted	
5. 6. 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70
9. 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
  - a. b. c. e. Omitted
  - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
  - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) (261155H) at YS316044, ptl from 2/25 Bde contacted an unk no of en. Res: 2 PW, 2 Hoi Chanh, 1 x AK47 CIA.
    - (2) (261320H) at YS475715, ac sighted a tractor with a trailer on tow and 1 truck, both carrying timber and mov from the SE.
    - (3) Further to questioning of villagers by 9VC between 1800H and 1830H on 25 Dec 70, reported INTSUM 359/70 para 11 f (2), further info:
      - (a) The VC are believed to have asked the villagers about 1 ATF, PF and RF and also about ambush positions.
      - (b) The VC also asked for taxes and sups, and made propaganda speeches about their "victory" at DAT DO. (Obviously referring to attack on PHUOC THANH of 22 Dec 70, see INTSUM 356/70 para 11 f (1).

ANNEXES

- ANNEX C - Agent Reports  
 ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance  
 ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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List A. HQ IIFV. MACV-J2. MACV-CICV. RTAVF. 18 ARVN Div. 3 Tac Fighter Wing  
 12 Cbt Avn Gp. BIEN HOA TAC. Advisory Team 48. Sector S2. 25/US Div. 2/25/US Bde.



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ANNEX C

TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 360/70  
DATED 26 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received from DUC THANH, (251430H). At YS489814, 4 VC, (3 Male and 1 female) armed with AK47 and SKS, wearing green uniforms, were seen. They are believed to have abducted THANH, a 60 - 70 year old odd-job resident of NGAI GIAO village. At the time of THANH's abduction three other young VN were in the area but they fled when they saw the VC.

ANNEX D

TO 1 ATF INTSUM  
No 360/70  
DATED 26 DEC 70

GROUND SURVEILLANCE

1. HORSESHOE HILL radar detected the following:

- a. (252005H) YS541629, 5-6 personnel
- b. (252030H) YS529589, 3-4 personnel
- c. (252035H) YS528602, 3-4 personnel
- d. (252048H) YS530604, 3-4 personnel
- e. (252103H) YS532608, 3-4 personnel

ANNEX E

TO 1 ATF INTSUM  
No 360/70  
DATED 26 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

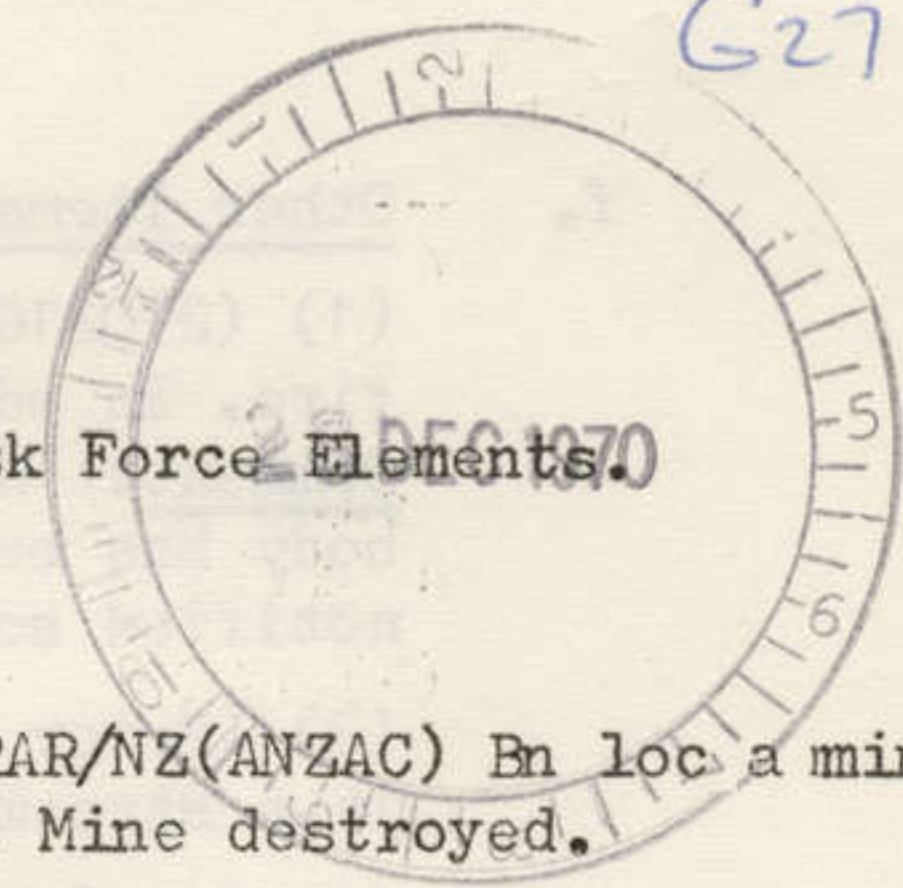
<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
260800H	YS E34-37 N73-76	No fresh tracks seen in the area, old bunker system shows no sign of use.
261100H	YS E32-35 N69-70	Nil significant sightings.
261200H	YS E55-58 N58-61	Nil significant sightings; old camps in the area show no signs of recent use.
261238H	YS 352699	Boot prints of 2-3 people lead to YS355644, where they were lost in thick bamboo.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 361/70
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity.
    - (1) AO MICE

(a) (270930H) At YS470896, pt1 of 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a mine consisting of 3 lb C4 explosive and 2xRPG 7 rds. Mine destroyed.
    - (2) AO JUDY

(a) (270930H) At YS358644, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc an en camp consisting of 20-30 bed spaces and a no of natural caves. Loc in area were 1x105mm UXB, qty batteries, 1 pr canvas boots and qty of docus.  
(b) (Prior to 272205H) At YS395629, SHQ C Sqn 1 Armd Regt heard 2-3 shots from approx YS389618.
    - (3) AO CHRISTINE

(a) (270001H) At YS446679, gun picquet 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted a shaded light approx 100m east. At 270400H the light was seen again at approx 500 m, intermittently, until 270515H. Sweep revealed nothing.
    - (4) AO MANGO

(a) Late report (262110H) At YS260765, FSB LORRINE saw a light at 350-400 m to the NE.
    - (5) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late report. (261730H) At YS459690. pt1 of 7 RAR heard firing on a bearing of 6,000 mils, range 2,000m.

4. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| (1) KIA VC 23                             | (13-17) Omitted        |
| (2) Omitted                               | (18) Omitted           |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1                           | (19) B-40 rounds 4     |
| (4) Omitted                               | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (5) Individual Wpns                       | (21) Omitted           |
| Action 9                                  | (22) SA rounds 923     |
| Caches 2                                  | (23) GRENADES 25       |
| (6) Omitted                               | (24) AP Mines 4        |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons | (25) AT Mines 4        |
| (8-12) Omitted                            | (26) TNT 21 lbs        |
|   | (27) Omitted.          |

5. a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES 1 at YS470896.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM 360/70. ANNEX E last item Amend YS355644 to read YS355694.

Para 3.a. (2)(a) Amend YS41624 to read YS416624.

c.d.e. Omitted.

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (270210H) At YS373615, PRU contacted approx 20 VC who returned SA and B40 fire. En wdr NW. Results 1 VC KIA, 1xB40 and qty of docs CIA.

Comment: No conclusive identification can be made from the documents. The body has been photographed and it is hoped that an identification can be notified soon.

(2) (Prior to 271540H) At YS400750, US ac sighted 8 persons in white bathing in a stream. Persons ran into bush on sighting ac.

(3) (271815H) At YS 489504, 3 Pl 302 RF Coy received 3xM79 rds and 6x60mm mor rds. En wdr north with unk results.

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ANNEXES

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ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION  
RETURNEE NGUYEN VAN SO

Ref A: Annex A to 1 ATF INTSUM 331/70 dated 27 Nov 70.

- The subject has provided info on a medical unit loc west of VIET CUONG (YS4288).
- At at 9 Nov 70, there were 4 separate bunker systems in the SONG CA and SOUI SOC area, approx loc YS3788, YS3888 and YS3988, with total of approx 80 pers, incl 12 patients.
- K10 (possibly Dispensary of SR4) base camp had 18 pers incl 4 patients from SR4, 1xB40 and 6xAK47. Details of "Protection P1" camp unk. Camp occupied by a 274 Regt medical unit has 9 bunkers. Str of this camp and that of "Protection P1" is approx 60, 8 of whom are patients. Weapons in 274 Regt medical unit camp are 2xB40 and some AK47.
- Fourth camp is unoccupied and is situated on the SOUI CA (approx YS3788). Contains 19 new bunkers. On the track from camp complex to VIET CUONG there is a sentry.
- If attacked, the en plan was to wdr to HONDA camp at approx YS3590. According to the subject there is a cache of medical sups in the camps which would require 16 men to carry it.
- Info has been passed to 2 Bde 25 Inf Div.

ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)  
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dated 27 Dec 70.

- HORSESHOE HILL Radar detected the following:
  - (270352H) YS502604; 3-4 persons stationary.
  - (272105H) YS523609; 1-2 persons mov north.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 361/70  
dated 27 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
270800H	YS499726	Remains of a small fire several days old.
	YS506718	Well worn track runs north/south across clearing and forks on south edge of clearing. No footprints seen. Poss used by animals.
	YS500713	At least 4 bunkers on south edge of clearing, 2 are semi-circular and 2 are U shaped. All bunkers old.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 362/70.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force Elements.

Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a)(280410H) At YS520642, ptl of 10 Pl D Coy 7RAR contacted 2-3 en mov east to west north of their loc. Area swept with nil results.

(2) AO JOANNE

(a) Prior to (281740H) At YS687867, 3 Pl A Coy 7RAR loc 10 wpn pits with OHP. The area has withinit 100 empty warheads of friction type grenades. A booby trap was loc, consisting of 2 grenades, 1 partly exposed, fitted with an anti-lift device.

(3) AO MICE

(a)(281833H) At YS438888, ptl of 2 Pl V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 2 plus en wearing mixed clothing and sweat bands. En mov W and withdrew W in dir of AP of another ptl of 2 Pl.

(b)(281842H) At YS422887, an ambush ptl from V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 3 VC in black trousers and brown shirts. En approached fast from E. Result: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA. Further sweep to be conducted in morning. Believed to be same en gp as in para 3.a.(3)(a) above.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
280745H	YS465538	3200 ft	3-5 rds tracer	Neg Hits	Engaged by LFT rockets	

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Toatal KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

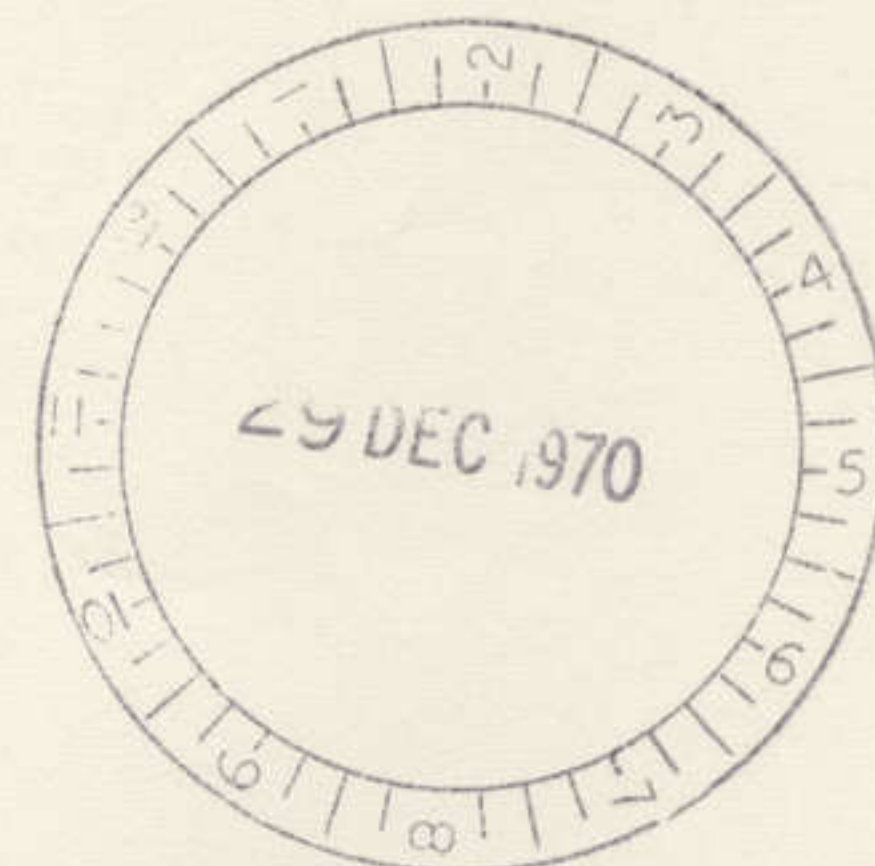
- (a) Individual 1
- (c) Breakdown 1 x AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: 100 grenades minus explosive.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(2)(4)(6)(8-18)(21)(27) Omitted	(19) B-40 rounds 4
(1) KIA 25 VC	(20) 12.7mm rounds 20
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(22) SA rounds 923
(5) Individual Weapons	(23) GRENADES 127
Action 10	(24) AP Mines 4
Caches 2	(25) AT Mines 4
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons	(26) TNT 21 lbs



5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

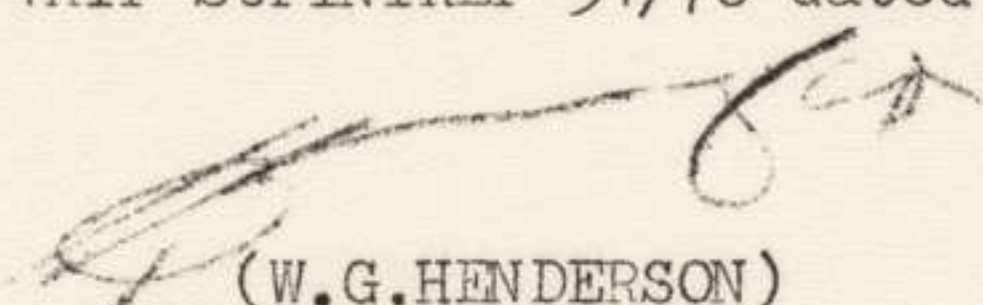
BOOBY TRAPS

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6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1ATF SUPINTREP 51/70 dated 28 Dec 70.

9.10.11. Omitted.

  
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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO. 362/70  
DATED 28 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
281200H	YS428821	3 holes. One appeared to be an old well. One was 2ft diameter and 2ft deep. Other 10ft long, 5ft wide and 6ft deep and appeared to have green object of pack size at bottom.
	YS431822	Bunker system with 8 pits seen and 5 tunnel entrances. Footprints of several pers were seen entering one tunnel entrance. Several weeks old. Wooden structure 10ft x 5ft x 5ft with one side open appeared to have object in it. System appeared quite old.
281420H	YS602858	Fresh track in trees on E side of clearing. Seems to be track pattern for camp. Track then heads N.
	YS605830	Track from this loc to YS595838 has been used in last month. At YS595838 up to 12 holes 12 inches across and 2ft deep. Perfectly symmetrical. Old bunker system 100 yds N shows no sign of use.

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NUI DAT

28 Dec 70

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 51/70  
(PERIOD 21 DEC - 27 DEC 70)

MR-3

Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activity increased slightly during the week with the emphasis still on anti-pacification operations and mining, limited ground contacts and attacks by fire. The most significant attack in MR-3 occurred on 20th December in BINH LONG Province, when ARVN forces 19 km WSW of LOC NINH received an estimated 100 x 82 mm mortar rounds which resulted in 10 wounded. The enemy unit involved may have been an element of 96 NVA Arty Regt.
2. In Southern LONG KHANH Province an unknown size enemy force attacked an RF Coy 13 km East of XUAN LOC (XT598065) on the night 22/23 December employing SA, B-40 and mortar fire, killing four civilians and injuring 23. Eight government soldiers were wounded.
3. In SAIGON there were two terrorist incidents. On 19th December an estimated 3.3 lbs of plastic explosive exploded in a newspaper office injuring four, and on 21st December a 2 lb charge was detonated in a train station without injury.

Friendly Activity

4. On 21st December, US forces in PHUOC LONG Province captured two rice caches (YT588563 and YU395379) each containing an estimated two tons. Both were in good condition and were estimated to have been in place less than 2 months.
5. Further exploitation of the cache discovered by US forces on 15th December, NE of BU GIA MAP (YU383413) brings the total of munitions to an estimated 7.9 tons including 622 x 82mm and 415 x 60mm mortar rounds, 699 x B-40 rounds, 24 x 75mm RCL rounds and 116,320 SA rounds plus 1,837 lbs of explosives.

Enemy Locations

6. The main bodies of 5 and 9 VC Divs remain in CAMBODIA. However, 141 Regt of 7 NVA Div has moved South of the RVN border, to 13 km SE of KREK (XT128943), and 165 Regt is now deployed in the border region. 7 NVA Div appears to have taken advantage of the Christmas cease-fire to re-deploy some units into SOUTH VIETNAM.

Assessment

7. The enemy has announced that he will observe a Cease Fire for the calendar New Year. The dates are unspecific although PHUOC TUY Province authorities believe that the period is 31 Dec to 3 Jan. II FFORCE V have advised that attacks by fire and possible ground action against regional forces may occur just before and just after this Cease-Fire period.

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General

8. There was a decrease in activity involving 1 ATF during the week, with a total of four contacts resulting in a possible four enemy killed, two of them by air, and two wounded. The possible enemy KIA resulted from an SAS contact South-West of NUI BE (at YS780870).
9. The most significant incidents during the week were a small scale enemy attack upon a Village Office in DAT DO, and the reported movement of two enemy provincial command elements towards BLACKHORSE (YS4396).

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

10. D445 and LONG DAT

- a. On 22nd December the PHUOC THANH Village Office (YS479598) at DAT DO received B40 and tracer fire followed by a ground probe by approximately 20 VC. Four GVN soldiers were killed, ten were wounded and seven are missing. There is an indication that the attackers may have been assisted by some PSDF members, and it is significant that of the seven PSDF missing, three are former VC. Five enemy were killed in the attack and blood trails indicate that at least

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two were probably wounded. Three of the enemy killed have been identified as members of C1 Company D445. The attackers were probably from C1, with possibly some assistance from LONG DAT, guided by PHUOC THANH guerillas. The attackers appear to have withdrawn towards the LONG HAIS. It is therefore thought that an element or all of C1 may have re-established themselves in their old base in the MINH DAM Secret Zone.

b. No contact has been made since 9th December with the main element of D445, comprising C2 and C3 and possibly K8 and K9. This group may still be in the general area of XUYEN MOC.

c. LONG DAT are still in the LONG HAIS. This unit may have assisted in the attack on PHUOC THANH, and has fired on two more aircraft. On 22nd December **eight** members of MSF were killed when their vehicle struck a mine West of NUI DIEN BA (at YS445531).

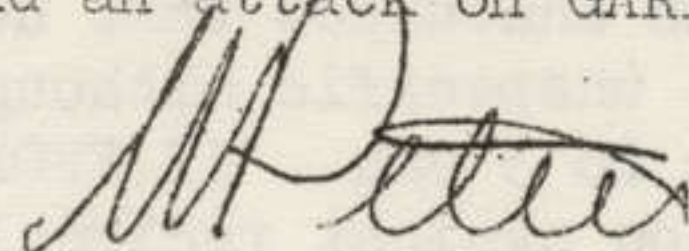
11. CHAU DUC. Continues to avoid contact.

12. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. Remains in the area East of BLACKHORSE (area YT5501). On 24th December troops of the 2nd Bde 25 US Inf Div killed three NVA soldiers in a contact in this area (YT569010). A nearby bunker system (YS562997), evacuated that morning, had probably been a 3 Bn base camp.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

13. There have been a further two mining incidents in the area of NDP GARTH (YS 4590), making a total of seven such incidents since 12 th December. The mining is most likely being carried out by BA LONG Province Engineers possibly assisting local guerillas.

14. There has been some recent evidence that two enemy province command headquarters have moved closer to BLACKHORSE and NDP GARTH. US troops have observed tracks of heavily laden water buffalo being led down the SUCI LUC to the area of the Province border (YS5694). According to a recent report Headquarters BA LONG Province has moved to this general area from its normal location North of NUI MAY TAO. Other reports suggest that the Protection Unit of Headquarters SR-4 is in the area West of the VIET CUONG. This in turn indicates that Headquarters Sub Region 4 has moved East to this area (area YS3889). BA LONG Province probably has a command responsibility over 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. In addition 1 Bn 274 Regt is just North of the ONG QUE Rubber Plantation (last contacted at YT396034 on 17th December). The threat of an attack by fire in the area of GARTH continues, although there are GVN targets in the area which would provide the enemy with greater propaganda gains than would an attack on GARTH.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 363-70.
2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO MICE

(a) Further to contact by ptl of 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR-NZ at YS422887 on 281842H (Intsum 362-70 para 3 (a) (3) (b) refers). Further sweep carried out this morning loc were a qty of docus and a compass. For readout on docus refer ANNEX B.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 282020H) At YS317617 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR-NZ sighted 2 light on a bearing 4900 mils. Lights believed to be mov east of the southern feature of the NUI DINH Mts.

(b) (291000H) At YS358654 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR-NZ loc a staging camp 50 x 20m fol creek line, consisting of 4 caves, with 12 ft rock OHP, with 8 bed spaces. Entry-Exit SE and NW. System 1 yr old used 1 mnth ago and in good condition.

(c) (290900H) At YS354645 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR-NZ loc a base camp 50 x 20m consisting 1 cave 20 ft deep with numerous natural off shoots. Natural rock OHP. Entry-Exit east and north. Age of camp unk but last used 1 yr ago and in poor condition. 1 M16 mag U-S loc in camp. Comment: (for (a) and (b) above): Camps probably used by BARIA City Unit as is the case with most camps on SE side of NUI DINHS.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (291110H) At YS610627 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR heard 5 shots to the south of their loc. NFI. Comment: Probably signal shots.

(b) (291340H). At YS535570 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 7 RAR loc and des 1 bunker and 5 sleeping bays in area 1 x 30m. Bunker had 18 in OHP. Entry-exit multidirectional. System 3 months old. Not used since last rain and is in good condition.

(c) (281000H) At YS605809 Ptl of 161 Bty loc an underground sleeping bay capable of accommodating 4 pers. Consisted of 2 tunnels 20ins x 36ins x 30 ft long. System has 4ft OHP, and last used 6-8 months ago. Comment: Possibly an old staging camp used on route between southern PHUOC TUY and BA LONG Headquarters. This route not normally used during the wet.

(4) OTHER AREAS

(a) (281755H) At YS817861 SAS ptl heard mov and talking of 2+ en mov along a track 30m from ptl. Ptl had just come out of an AP. At 290715H ptl re-established the AP and at 290803H heard en approaching from the NE. At 290803H ptl ambushed 2 en, one was dressed in khaki and other in black; both were wearing basic webbing and armed with AK 47's. Res: 2 en KIA (BC), 2 x AK 47, qty of docus, pack, clothes and rice CIA. 2 VC KIA ident as TRINH VAN LA (native of TAY NINH PROV) Sect Comd Ba Long Postal-Comms Unit and DANG NGOC (native of Long Phouc village YS4564) Sect 2IC of same unit. For further readout of docus refer ANNEX B. During extraction of ptl after the contact a.c reported sighting of muzzle flashes. Bushrangers suppressed area. Res 1 VC KBA (poss). A VR flown 290925H reported a well worn track and a large area (100 x 100M) with track work and well trodden ground at YS816855. See ANNEX E item 3 for further details.

(b) (Prior to 290700H) A: YS452894 ac reported houses were all locked up and windows blocked. On follow up it was discovered that the houses were completely boarded up and area deserted. All the people normally living in the area have moved.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E



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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) and (3) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC.

b, c, d, Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual 2
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown 2 x AK 47

(2) and (3) Omitted.

(4) Captured Documents See ANNEX B.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 27 VC                             | (13) to (18) Omitted   |
| (2) Omitted                               | (19) B-40 rounds 4     |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1                           | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (4) Omitted                               | (21) Omitted           |
| (5) Individual Wpns                       | (22) SA rounds 923     |
| Action 12                                 | (23) GRENADES 25       |
| Caches 2                                  | (24) AP Mines 5        |
| (6) Omitted                               | (25) AT mines 4        |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons | (26) TNT 21 lbs        |
| (8) to (12) Omitted                       | (27) Omitted.          |

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a VC KIA by PRU 270201H at YS373615 (Intsum 361-70 para 11 f (1) refers) ident as NGUYEN THANH LIEM aka TU LIEM, Sect Comd Baria Special Action (C610).

b Ident of the 2 KIA by 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR-NZ 281842H at YS422887, (Intsum 362-70 para 3 a (3) (b) refers) is NGUYEN VAN TAN. As at 16 Jan 70 he was Pl 2IC B 3 274 Regt. B 3 is the term for the Rear Services element of 274 Regt.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 51-70. dated 28 Dec 70

9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a Omitted.

b Correction to Previous INTSUMS Refer Intsum 362-70.

- (1) Para 4 f (23) amend to read "25".
- (2) Para 4 f (24) amend to read "5".
- (3) Para 3 a (3) (b) amend to read "pt1 of 2 Pl V Coy".
- (4) ANNEX E amend item 3 to "YS602855".

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (272000H) At YS 645608, USAF conducted an a-s Nil BDA.
- (2) (282000H) At YS667607, USAF conducted an a-s Nil BDA.
- (3) (290855H) At YS465538, USAF conducted an a-s Nil BDA.
- (4) (291900H) At YS 200291, USAF conducted an a-s Nil BDA.
- (5) (291930H) At YS201694, USAF conducted an a-s Nil BDA.

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(6) Night 28 Dec 70 at CAT LO a mine 50-75 lbs was attached to a work boat. Mine discovered this morning when boat sailed and mine came to the surface. Mine did not det due to malfunction. Comment: Probably emplaced by A32 Water Sapper Pl of VUNG TAU unit.

(7) Ref Supintrep 51-70 para 7: AFV have advised that the enemy has announced that his stated Cease Fire period for the New Year is 310100H Dec 70 to 30100H Jan 71. Comment: The enemy has shown no compunction about breaking stated Cease Fire periods in the past. See Annex C paras 2 and 3 for possible enemy attacks during stated Cease Fire period

(8) (282030H) At YS655670 609 RF Coy in an AP heard mov of 3-4 pers SE NFI.

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Annexes

ANNEX B Captured Documents  
ANNEX C - Agent Reports  
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Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX B TO 1 ATF INTSUM  
363-70 DATED 29 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

SAS Contact

1. Documents taken by SAS from two VC KIA at YS815860 on 290803H included promotion certificates, reports, and personal letters.
2. The quantity and type of documents identify the two KIA as probably postal couriers belonging to BA LONG Province HQ. Letters were apparently from (and to) BA LONG HQ, C25 Coy, and CHAU DUC, but a very recent change in LBNS prevents positive identification.
3. Of particular interest are a letter from TAM PHUONG E3 (unk) to BA HONG SANH (unk) and CHIN CUOC (unk) dated 28 Dec 70. "I'm now off to attend the party BA THUAN (unk) stays behind. As there is liaison at Route 2, I write to you to send my regards and hope you achieve good merits to celebrate the New Year 1971. The organisation Section invites Comrade DUNG (unk) on receipt of the invitation letter (attached) to liaise with the representative of CHAU DUC or CAO SU District to attend the party on 1st Jan 71. Even if he may be late, he should try to be present at the party. The situation of the entry-exit point 63 C10 (unk). Presently it is easy to buy food and to take according to requirements, but we have not got enough money".

(Signed)  
TAM PHUONG

PS. Please hand over the enclosed letter to Comrade DUNG".

The following letter was attached and was meant to be forwarded to DUNG:-

"I've been with the party since 25 Dec 70, and I'm contributing for the party. I write to you to ask after your health and to invite you to attend the party on 1 Jan 71. You will contact CHAU DUC or CAO SU District, to follow them to the place where the party will be held. You are to have with you personal gear and 10 litres of rice. I hope that you will be present. Regard, with determination to fight and win against the American aggressors". Comment: The term "party" may refer to possible forthcoming tactical activity.

2 RAR-NZ (ANZAC) Contact.

4. Documents taken by 2 Pl V Coy 2RAR-NZ (ANZAC) B:n at YS422887 at 281842H Dec 70 included personal letters, details of supply issues, and commendation certificates one  
...unopened.



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unopened envelope contained a letter from J85 (possibly 84 RSG) to SAU MIEN (unk) and NHON TUU (unk) of HQ C5K (possibly coy of 1st Bn 274 Regt) marked SECRET, refers to a large resupply for 274 (274 Regt) from 84 RSG. The letter was dated 18 Dec 70. All documents captured seem to relate to rear svc elements of 274 Regt.

ANNEX C TO 1 ATF INTSUM 363-70  
DATED 29 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. EVAL: C-2.

13 VC wearing mixed uniforms and armed with 3 indiv wpns were reported to have dug trenches at 2 pts YS522838 and YS495830. The second grid is a coffee plantation from which the VC are reported to collect taxes. 4 of the VC were ident as follows:-

- PCS and F-E Chief
- BA NHIEU - Ngai Giao village.
- TU TUN - Protection cell Comd (Ngai Giao)
- DIM - Medic (Ngai Giao)
- TRE - Guerrilla (Ngai Giao)

Comment: District Chief DUC THANH grades this report VN C2. The report is possibly true and may refer to NGAI GIAO guerrillas. However str of this gp is believed to be only 10.

2. Collected by RDC Team LANG PHUOC HAI EVAL: C-2. On the 1, 2 or 3 Jan 71 C25 is to combine with D445 in order to attack govt posts in LANG PHUOC HAI. The two Primary objectives are the office of the village Admin Committee and posns of the RDC team which operates in the village. Also CHINH aka TAM (unk) and his guerillas will attack the govt post in AN NHUT at an unk time.

3. A reliable Source reports that on the night 25-26 Dec 70 SAU THU (CO D445) and 5 - 6 VC entered HOI MY to carry out recce for an op during the New Year period (31 Dec - 01 Jan).

Comment: (paras 2 and 3 above):- There is a poss of an attack by D445 over New Year. Poss tgts are LANG PHUOC HAI, HOI MY, or AN NHUT. If SAU THU is back in PHUOC TUY from MR 7 it is likely that all of D445 has returned as well. Recent identification tends to show that C1, C2, C3, K8 and K9 are probably back in Province. C4 has not been identified recently and may be working with BA LONG Headquarters.

4. A reliable source has confirmed the ident of 4 of the 5 VC ~~KA~~ during the attack on PHUOC THANH (Intsum 356-70 para 11 f (1) refers) on 22 Dec 70 as follows:-

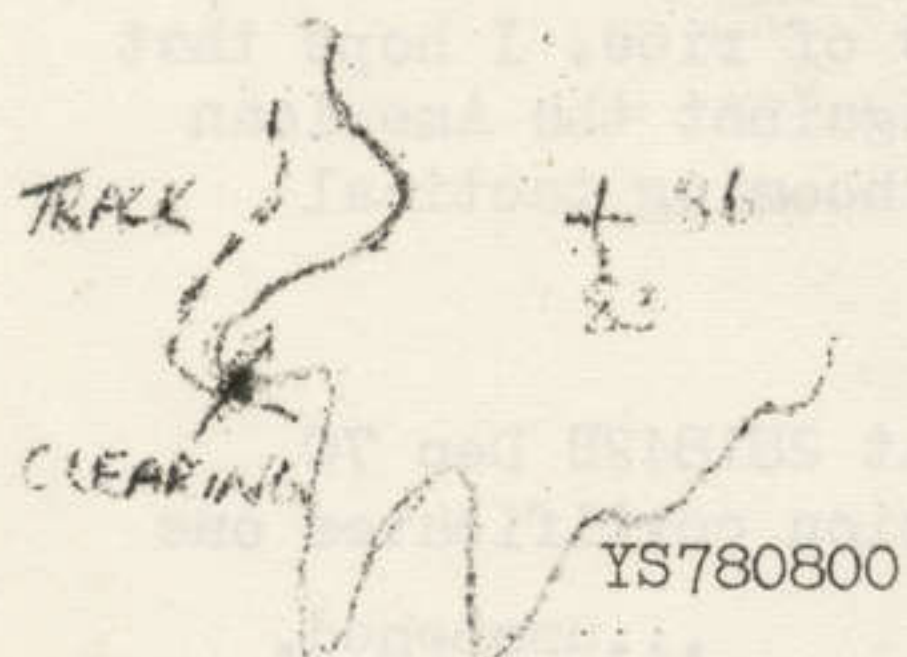
- DUNG - party member, Sect Comd, C1-D445.
- BE- party member, Pl Comd, C1-D445.
- THANH - party member, Sect 2 IC, C1-D445.
- NHUT - party member, Pl Comd, C1-D445

ANNEX E TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 363-70  
DATED 29 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
291400H	YS333558	Wooden platform 3ft x 5ft x 1ft high. Platform made of poles and old tracks converge on this point.
291000H	E 65-68 N 58-61	Track leading through the grass clearings to the NW of the sand dunes. Track runs parallel to the dunes but has not been used for at least a month.
290925H	YS816855	Well used track and a lge area (100 x 100M) with track work and well trodden ground. The fol is a diagram of the main track which appeared to be about 4 ft wide and well worn.



A piece of white paper-cloth was seen in the lge clearing under the trees. Several logs lay roughly parallel in the clearing. Sections of track under fairly thick foliage.

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ANNEXES

ANNEX B - Captured Documents

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Distribution

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MACV-J2	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Advisory Team 48	2/25 Bde
MACV-CICV			

ANNEX B TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM 364/70  
DATED 30 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus captured by 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR at YS649630 on 301112H included propaganda material, a map and several letters.
2. Letter dated 25-12-70 to BA(unk) from LE MINH BACH (poss 2ic PHUOC BUU Guerilla Unit) informing BA that he has entered the Bn (poss D445) and met HAI KHAMH (Political Officer D445). BACH informs BA that Aust tps and vehs have been going from CHU KIA "T" junction (poss YS623630) and BA TO NUOI (poss YS625630) right up to BAI CHIEN (unk). About 1400H on 24 Dec, Aust vehs came to ONG TO (probably YS6161) and NUI LE (YS626637) and SAS/Commandos dismounted at ONG GO CONG Temple (unk). Str and intentions unk. An agent came to report and said that XUYEN MOC is preparing an operation, but loc is unk. The letter then goes on to say that rice is hard to get, and he asks for some rice to eat.
3. Letter from MINH (unk) to BAY HAI (unk) saying in part "I have spoken with several people in the battalion; if anyone goes back to you, report to BA TAM (CO D440), all right?"
4. Letter dated 25 Dec 70 sent to THI NAM (unk) and mentioning C39 (unk poss C3) D445.
5. Piece of paper dated 27 Dec 70 mentioning NGOC (unk).
6. Piece of paper mentioning CHI HAI NGA (unk) Province Rear Service.
7. Piece of paper with name PHAN THANH HA (AKA HAI HA, C of S BA LONG Province and numerous other posns).
8. Sketch map of D445 base at YS704698 showing posns of C2, C3, Sapper Recce and Signals. Also shows poss friendly LZs and routes of attack, and en counter measures. Reverse of map, shows map of portion of XUYEN MOC along Route 23, and 1 Km from Sub-Sector HQ (approx YS653674). Map also shows a planned route of attack. Both maps may be quite old.

Comment: The account in BACH's letter (para 2 above) of an Australian operation near the ONG TO Base (YS6161) probably refers to the reaction of elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav from XUYEN MOC into this area on 24 Dec in an attempt to apprehend a gp of 50 people who had been reported to be gathering rice illegally in the area.

ANNEX E TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM 364/70  
DATED 30 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
300035H	YS450560	Lights sighted, Nil action.
Prior to 301200H	YS315801	4 oxcarts, 1 logging truck, 11 people, 1 waving RVN flag.
Prior to 301200H	YS343775	Woodcutting evident as far East as the N/S Creek along 34 Easting. At YS343775 an old bunker system still usable was sighted. There was evidence that woodcutters had crossed the creek and light timber dutting was noted.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
Prior to 301200H	YS330770	A track was followed East from YS533770 to YS337768 where it turned south. Track used in last week. At YS337764 an unusual smell was noted.
Prior to 301200H	YS346766	Numerous tunnel entrances seen in recently burnt out clearing. Many bunkers in area, some in good condition.
Prior to 301200H	YS345764	Small patch of trees in clearing with sleeping areas for 6-8 small bunkers in area with thatchwork covering. No use for last 3 months.
Prior to 301200H	YS332737	Bunker system, one bunker appeared to be concrete 8'x4' with square entrance. Fresh tracks in area.
Prior to 301740H	<del>YS651636</del>	Track of 30+ people moving NE from YS651636 to YS654637 along S. HOA. At 654637 track was lost in thick foliage.
Prior to 301740H	<del>YS654639</del>	Camp fire 2 days old.
Prior to 301740H		Bunkers found with evidence of movement around them at YS657642.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 365/70.
2. Period covered from 310001H to 312400H.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (310357H) At YS690668 AP of HQ B Coy 7 RAR and 1 Sect of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt ambushed approx 40 en who approached AP from west. The VC returned fire with RPD and SA and remained in the contact area until 0645 hrs, from time to time engaging the area in an attempt to withdraw their cas. En put up red flares soon after initial contact. It is believed that these were signals to regroup. 0645 hrs en wdr to west. Sweep conducted after first light. Result: 21 VC KIA (BC), 9 BT loc (incl 2 hy). 6 Pl B Coy moved to area and commenced to track BT along wdr route to SW, until BT petered out. En mov on wdr route believed to total approx 20.

See para 4 e. 1-4 for wpns, material, foodstuffs and docus captured in contact. See Annex B for initial document readout (a further readout will follow).

Comment. For comment on identification of en gp see General Comment at end of Annex B (Captured Documents) to this INTSUM.

(b) (311905H) At YS490651 ptl from Aslt Pnr Pl 7 RAR which was moving into AP contacted 3-4 en. En initiated contact and were mov N to NW. Nil cas. Sweep revealed nothing.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) Prior to: (310700H) At YS3769, ac sighted 2 tracks heading west towards the "twin features" (YS3769). Each track was est to have been used by an est 20 plus pers.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) Prior to: (311920H) At YS593816, elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt found 2 circular holes, 4 ft deep and 6 to 8 ins in diameter. Soil was damp. Also found were 4 poles approx 8 ft long, each having one end divided into four sharp prongs. Appeared to be fishing spears and were freshly cut.

(b) Prior to: (312045H) From YS419663 fishing lights were sighted 4,500 metres to the NW.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	*DAMAGE	**FRIENDLY RESULTS
310617H	YS420667	unk	4-5 rds yellow tracer	Nil	D Nil

\*DAMAGE CODE: 1-Neg hits, 2-Light damage, 3-Moderate damage, 4-Downed, 5-Crashed.

\*\* RESPONSE CODE: A-No response, B-Returned fire with organic weapons,, C-Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems (specify)

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) US Inflicted                      NVA                      VC

.../(2) Aust



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- (2) Aust Inflicted      NVA      VC 21
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted    NVA      Nil    VC

b., c., and d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons (in ambush YS690668)

- (a) Individual 13
- (b) Crew served 4
- (c) Breakdown
  - 8 AK47
  - 2 K54 pistols
  - 3 .45 cal pistols
  - 2 RPD LMGs
  - 2 B40 RPGs

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured (from ambush YS690668)

476 SA rds, 12 rds and 6 boosters B40, 2 claymore mines, 5 60mm mortar rds, 18 M79 HE rds, 100 rds link 7.62, 1 frag gren, 4 concussion grens, 1 ANPRC 25 set with 2 batteries, 2 electrical dets, 30 NVA pattern hootches, 1 fishing net, 29 packs, 5 entrenching tools, 1 machete, 10 web belts, 8 ammo pouches, 6 water bottles, 6 cups canteen, 17 hammocks, 8 torches, 4 local pattern lamps, 3 sets of barber equipment, 20 yds electrical wire, 100ft antenna cord (for 25 set), qty batteries (incl 50 B-type).

Misc items 30 prs new chopsticks, qty cooking utensils, 51 prs trousers (clean folded), 31 shirts (clean folded), 12 handkerchiefs, 7 towels, 16 sewing kits, 3 watches in poor condition (2 mens 1 womans), 5 transistor radios, 1000 cigarettes (VN brand "COTAG"), 5 lbs tobacco.

Medical equipment 13 shell dressings, 335 assorted phials of drugs, 51 bottles penicillin powder, 10 pkts of pills (cough drops), 5 bottles of sulphur pills, 10 bottles of vitamin I assorted pills, 2 rolls adhesive tape.

Note All eqpt was taken from the 29 packs.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs (from ambush YS690668)

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS690668	Rice	230 lbs	unk
	Salt	5 lbs	unk
	Fish meal	2 lbs	unk
	Sugar	10 lbs	unk
	Tea	5 lbs	unk
	Milk	9 tins	unk

(4) Captured Documents (in ambush YS690668)

10 lbs weight (see Annex B for initial readout.)

(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative totals for Month: MR-3

- (1) KIA      NVA      VC 48
- (2) Omitted
- (3) Hoi Chanh 1
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Wpns
  - Action 25
  - Caches 2



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|---|--------------------|
| (6) Crew served wpns<br>Action 4          | (20) 12.7mm rds 20 |
| (7) Rice captured and destroyed .305 tons | (22) SA rds 1,511  |
| (8) Salt captured and destroyed 5 lbs     | (23) Grenades 48   |
| (9) Med stores 14 lbs                     | (24) AP mines 7    |
| (15) 60mm mor rds 5                       | (25) AT mines 4    |
| (19) B-40 rds 16                          | (26) TNT 21 lbs    |

2,4,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,21 and 27 omitted.

5. Omitted.
6. Omitted
7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 51/70 dated 28 Dec 70.
9. Omitted
10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous
  - a. Omitted.
  - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS
    - (1) INTSUM 364/70
      - (a) Para 3a(2)(a), amend DTG to read 301200H.
      - (b) Annex E, sighting at YS530770: amend YS530770 to read YS330770.
    - c., d., and e. Omitted
  - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) Late Report: (302310H). At YS 513627(LANG PHUOC HAI), 124 RF Coy were engaged by an est pl of en using SA and B40 fire. The en wdr E and at 310004H contacted the RF while in transit from the Mil Compound (YS514533) to the contact area. The VC then wdr in an unk direction with unk cas. An unconfirmed report from another RF Coy states that the VC were seen to be carrying wounded.  
  
Res: 1 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA; en cas unk.
    - (2) (310700H) At YS288703, a gunship from US Special Forces sighted and engaged 2 pers running downhill to the west. Result unk.

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ANNEXES

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents
- ANNEX C - Agent Reports (Omitted)

- ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance (Omitted)
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance
- ANNEX F - Psyops Int

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List A  
HQ II FFORCE V  
MACV-J2  
RTAVF

18 ARVN DIV                      Sector S2  
3 Tac Fighter Wing              25 US Div  
12 Cbt Avn Gp                    2/25 US Bde  
BIEN HOA TAC  
Advisory Team 48

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ANEX A TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 365/70  
Dated 31 Dec 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. NGUYEN VAN SO, who rallied to a AF post in PHUOC HOA LONG Village, DAT DO on 27 Nov 70, has now admitted to having been a member of C25 since 28 Jun 69 to the date of his rallying. Subject had formerly claimed (see INTSUM 331/70 Annex A) to have been with the VC from Aug 70 only and to have been a member of LONG DAT Civil Labour Group.
2. SO has revealed a new ambush tactic which is supposedly planned to be used by C25 LONG DAT. SO advises that C25 is unable to cope with the constant operations of 1 ATF which have inflicted casualties on C25 and LONG DAT. To avoid further casualties and to deal with 1 ATF operations in the MINH DAM area, C25 plans to employ a new ambush tactic. It was possibly originated by the LONG DAT District Unit to "wear down" 1 ATF, but SO is not certain of this.
3. The ambush is normally set up along the trails in the MINH DAM area. A six man team is used against one en (ATF) platoon. The team, heavily armed with mines and AK rifles is split into two three man cells. They take up positions 25-30 metres from the trail after laying anti-personnel mines. Each cell sends one man to each end of the trail to watch for enemy approaching. When this guard catches sight of the en (Aust) moving toward the ambush he will run back and report the approach to his cell leader. The other guard will be informed immediately so he can take his position for the ambush. Everything must be done as quickly as possible.
4. When the en (Aust) comes into the ambush site the mines are detonated and followed up by small arms fire.
5. If there are any tall trees in the area, the sentries will be posted in them because of better observation.

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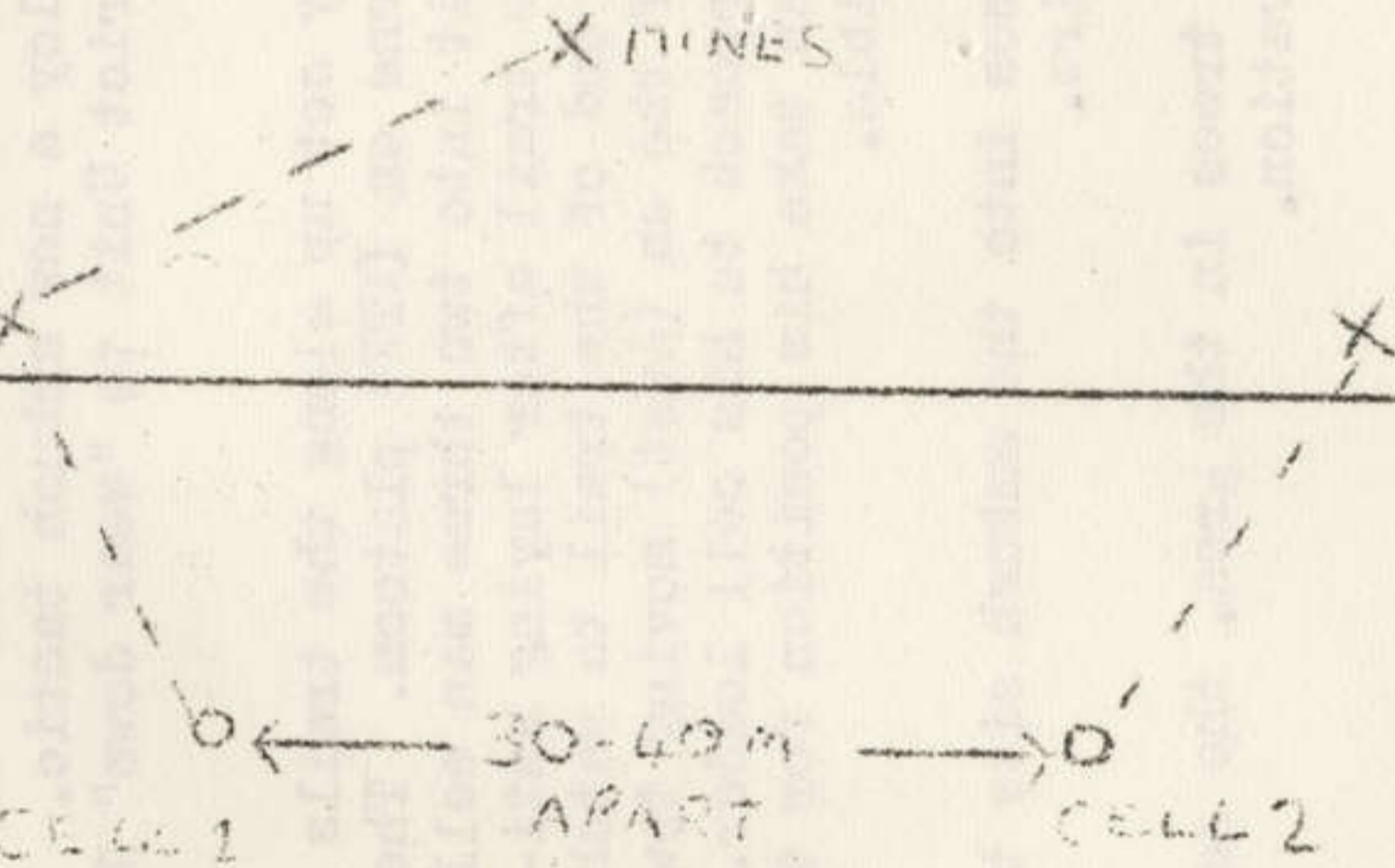
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← TRAIL →

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GUARD

GUARD



OBSTACLE

X MINES

CELL 1

CELL 2

30-40M APART







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ANNEX B TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 365/70  
DATED 31 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A large quantity of docus were captured during the 7 RAR and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt ambush at YS690668 on 310357H Dec 70. This Annex lists :

- a. En KIA.
- b. Items of tactical interest.
- c. Some items of general interest.

En KIA

2. The following has been positively identified as KIA from photograph and documents:

TRAN VAN TO, AKA NAM TO - 2ic C2 D445.

3. The following are considered probably KIA, from commendation and promotion certificates and other personal docus:

a. PHAN THANH CHIEN, AKA MUOI CHIEN, Party Chapter Secretary of LONG DIEN (Rural) and member of several LONG DAT Committees. Captured docus included biographical data for MUOI CHIEN, which would not be expected to be held with D445. A further three documents relating to MUOI CHIEN were captured. The reason for MUOI CHIENs presence with D445, apart from liaison, is not clear.

- b. NGUYEN THANH TAM - 2ic D445
- c. TRINH VAN LIEM, aka TRINH VAN DO, aka BA LIEM - political offr C2.
- d. HUYEN VAN TAI - P1 2ic C2/D445.
- e. HUYEN NGOC MINH - pl 2io C2/D445
- f. PHAM VAN THUAN - Sect Comd C2/D445
- g. PHAM DINH BA - possibly C2/D445
- h. VU VAN MEN - Sect Comd C2/D445
- i. NGUYEN VAN MINH - C2 D445
- j. PHAM VAN SAU - C2/D445
- k. DANG VAN HONG - C2/D445
- l. NGUYEN VAN MUOI - Squad 2ic Recce P1, C5, D445
- m. NGUYEN VAN MIN - OC Recce P1 C5 D445
- n. NGUYEN HAI TAI, aka VU LAN THU, aka VU KHA, possibly C5, D445.

.../o. NGUYEN

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- o. NGUYEN VAN THONG - Recce Pl, C5 D445
- p. NGUYEN VAN THAI - Recce Pl, C5, D445
- q. TRAN VAN CHIEN - Sect 2ic, Recce Pl, C5, D445
- r. HUYNH VAN HUNG - Sect 2ic Recce Pl, C5, D445
- s. NGUYEN VAN SON aka NGUYEN HOANG SON C3/D445

4. The following is considered possibly killed:

NGUYEN THANH LONG - OC C2 D445

or

LONG (a soldier) - C2 D445.

Items of Tactical Interest (full translation will be provided)

- 5. Exercise book containing tactical notes on regular, regional and guerilla forces, battle and ambush tactics, camouflage and base development.
- 6. Two sketchmaps of troops deployment (C2, C3, C4, and C8) near BUNG RIENG GS YS7168.
- 7. A sketchmap showing attack plans plus attached orders (for use in courses or possibly TEWTs) mentioning B1, B2, B3 (no date). Documents appear to have come from CU CHI.
- 8. A list of codes and designated numbers - for tactical use.
- 9. A training pamphlet dated 10 May 69. It covers the use of the Armalite and its characteristics, grenade launchers, AA fire, sketches of APCs and helicopters, formations for movement etc.
- 10. Weapons state dated Jan 70 for an unk coy.. Several other undated lists incl one for K8 (Ex hvy wpns coy D440).
- 11. Letter to NAM TO (2ic C2/D445, aka TRAN VAN TO) from THANH LUONG dated Jun 70, stating that THANH LUONG's unit is in LONG DAT District, and that they will have to kill many people and destroy and burn many vehicles and outposts. (Commendation certificate for TRAN VAN TO was also captured.
- 12. Notebook containing financial transactions, clothing requirements, results of mortar and RCL training. SAU THU (CO D445) and MUOI SINH (Secretary LONG DAT Party Committee) received 25,000 piastre 6 Nov 70. Incomplete entries indicate K8 (ex D440) was to receive rice issues from the battalion (D445).
- 13. Letter dated 2 Nov 70 writer unk, which comments that the work of the cadres is difficult because of the present military situation. MUOI SINE (Comd LONG DAT) is mentioned.
- 14. A letter from HOAN (unk) to SAU TAM (unk) dated 10 Dec 70 which reveals that MUOI MINH's (LONG DAT Party Committee) and MUOI CHIEN's (Party Chapter Secretary of LONG DIEN) groups were to go to LONG DAT on that day and that MUOI CHIEN would send them the attack plan for the dry season. The attack would be divided into three stages.

.../Some Items

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Some Items of General Interest

15. Letter from TAM (unk) to MUOI GIAI (Adjut D445) saying that the two members who went on sapper trg have no more rice. Letter requests that MUOI send some rice and also incl an issue slip for 1000 piastre, dated 30 Dec 70 (presumably dated in advance by a day). Another letter from LE MUOI of F and E Sect LONG DAT tells BA LONG F and E Sect to supply personnel going on training to Pprovince with money for food.

16. Nominal roll of unit C2 (probably 2nd Coy D445). Strength 32, present 28, in hospital 1, studying 3. Party members totalled 20, and Youth Gp 8. (This generally agrees with ORBAT strength holdings on C2 D445. The high percentage of Party members (20 out of 32) can be attributed to lengthy service with D445 by many Battalion members.)

17. A roll of 17 names of C3 indicating clothing issues Sep-Nov 70, and a financial expenditure sheet for C3 for Nov 70.

18. Nominal rolls of C2, C3, C4, Signal, Recce, Orderly Room personnel, and one unk sub-unit (all of D445).

19. Many recent personal letters some still "in transit".

Propaganda

20. A propaganda pamphlet: The Platoon Commanders Political Works Guide "D445" is written on the cover. Other propaganda material was also obtained.

General Comment

21. The enemy group contacted was C2 D445 supported by elements at least of Sapper Recce Pl D445. Elements of Headquarters D445 (C5) were possibly with the group as suggested by the presence of a 2ic of the battalion. According to the captured roll-book, the strength of C2 and of Sapper Recce were 30 and 13 respectively, which conforms with the estimate of the number of en tps involved in the contact.

22. Three mentions were made in these documents of K8, the former Hy Wpns Coy of D440. This confirms the earlier estimate that K8 are now operating as a sub-unit of D445.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 365/70

dated 31 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
310800H	YS601605	Footprints on N bank of river. Mark in mud 6 ins wide 8 ins long 3 ins deep. Cleared areas under bushes on bank. Suspected fishing area.

YS591614 Well worn track moving W then SW, along N side of clearing. Disappeared into swamp at YS582608. At this point, track passed through pools which had been recently muddied and track therefore used in last 24 hrs. Thick undergrowth at YS582608 and also what looked like a bunker, although not positively identified.

310845H YS378700 - YS357713 Track of 20 plus people, poss civilian, heading N.

YS590676 2 bunkers that appear to have been dest by ground troops. 2 bamboo tables.

311200H YS747667 Track of 20 plus pers made last night, from Route 23 (YS747667) to track marked on map. Followed to 745685.

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ANNEX F (PSYOPS INT)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 365/70  
DATED 31 DEC 70

PSYOPS INTELLIGENCE

An enemy propaganda document captured by 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR at YS649630 at 301112H (see INTSUM 364/70 para 3 a. (1) (a) contains a direction from the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam (NFLSVN) that during the enemy proclaimed period of Cease Fire for the Calender New Year (310100H Dec 70 to 030100H Jan 71) and for TET 260100H to 300100H Jan 71 "...officers and National Police personnel of the GVN are entitled to go freely to churches, attend entertainment or go to the liberated regions to unite with the people, to visit ancestor's graves and enjoy TET (lunar New Year) but with the condition that they must go separately, not in formation, unarmed and not on espionage tasks". The enemy are directed by NFLSVN to carry out the Cease Fire order but at the same time "...be ready to fight with the population in punishment of action by the US and their Allies which violate the ceremonies of the people".

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## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply  
K733/1/19

ADDRESS C Sqn 1 Armd Regt  
NUI DAT

05 Jan 71

MILEAGE STATISTICS DEC 701. Mileage by Vehicle Type

		Average/Vehicle	
a. MBT	1652		97
b. Control MBT	124	" "	62
c. Centurion Dozer	34	" "	34
d. Centurion B/Layer	119	" "	59
e. ARV	145	" "	73
f. M113A1	1099	" "	549
g. Fitter M113	219	" "	73
h. ACV 577	115	" "	115

2. Mileage by Troops

a. 1 Troop	306
b. 2 Troop	480
c. 3 Troop	295
d. 4 Troop	504
e. SHQ Troop	1338
f. SEQ	220
g. LAD	364

3. C Sqn Track Mileage for Dec 70

3507

4. C Sqn Track Mileage Since Assuming Operations 17 Dec 70

1542

5. Troop Track Mileage Since Jan 70

<u>SHQ</u>	<u>1TP</u>	<u>2TP</u>	<u>3TP</u>	<u>4TP</u>	<u>SEQ</u>	<u>LAD</u>
15735	6356	5425	6094	5798	3106	10302

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Capt  
Tech Offr



VEHICLE STATE FOR DECEMBER 1970

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G SON 1 ARMB REGT

J2

ORIGINS CODE (A)	VEH REC NO (B)	C/S (C)	RADIO (D)	MONTHLY MILEAGE (E)	TOTAL VEH MILEAGE (F)	ENGINE MILEAGE (G)	REMARKS (H)
6718A	169026	2B	C42/B47	129	1777	786	MJA CHANGES Clutch Gearbox
6718A	169029	1	C42/B47	106	412	412	
6718A	169030	AC	C42/B47	114	1812	431	MJA CHANGES Control Cubicle Trav Gyro
6718A	169035	3	C42/B47	83	2459	740	MJA CHANGES Tray Amp AAF F406 action taken
6718A	169036	3A	C42/B47	49	2298	113	
6718A	169039	2	C42/B47	127	437	437	
6718A	169043	1A	C42/B47	69	2329	685	
6718A	169048	1B	C42/B47	71	1152	608	
6718A	169053	3C	C42/B47	87	1010	447	MJA CHANGES Elev Amp Clutch
6718A	169056	22C	C42/B47	67	1028	119	MJA CHANGES Gearbox Oil Cooler
6718A	169064	2A	C42/B47	106	2284	198	
6718A	169068	4	C42/B47	145	1767	164	MJA CHANGES Control Cubicle Elev Amp
6718A	169071	22A	C42/B47	34	2052	655	MJA CHANGES Trav Gyro Idler Elev Gyro
6718A	169075	2C	C42/B47	118	2406	719	MJA CHANGES LH Final Drive AAF F406 action taken
6718A	169083	1C	C42/B47	60	1339	483	MJA CHANGES Clutch
6719A	169084	0B	C42/C42/B47	55	1958	715	MJA CHANGES Main Engine (655 miles) Charging Sets 2 Gearbox RH Final Drive
6718A	169087	3B	C42/B47	76	1447	333	
6719A	169091	0D	C42/C42/B47	69	620	620	MJA CHANGES LH Idler RH Idler
6718A	169103	4A	C42/B47	121	838	138	MJA CHANGES RH Final drive Gearbox
6718A	169108	4B	C42/B47	124	804	804	
6760A	169112	8D	C42	74	121	121	
6760A	169122	8B	C42	71	588	588	MJA CHANGES RH Idler LH Idler
6770	115541	92B	C42/B47	68	2203	809	
6770	115544	92D	C42/B47	51	1760	253	
6600	134174	0A	524/524/125	615	13957	8193	
6608	134371	8C	524	78	7533	2941	
6608	134372	8A	524	45	8044	3260	
6608	134375	8E	524	96	4508	4508	
6600	134344	0B	524/524/125	484	6306	6306	
6607	134459	0C	524/524/125	115	6284	6284	
<u>DETACHMENT 1 FORWARD DELIVERY TROOP</u>							
6718A	169089		C42/C42/B47	-	2343	645	
6718A	169017		C42/B47	59	148	148	
6718A	169049		C42/B47	72	129	129	
6718A	169037		C42/B47	52	152	152	

J2



C. SON / ARMD REGT  
NUI DAT

BATTLE WORTHY STATE  
DECEMBER - 1970

B - BATTLE WORTHY  
A - AUTOMOTIVE / RUNNING GEAR  
G - GUNNERY  
E - ELECTRICAL J2  
R - RADIO

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

MAJOR J.A.N. CHIPMAN

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4 DEC 70

252. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet 2 Loc Picquet 4Loc</u>
7 Dec 70	WO2 AGNEW	Sgt TYRES	To be advised by 0900 hrs daily.
8 Dec 70	Lt CUMPER	Sgt YEATS	
9 Dec 70	Capt POWER	Sgt HEISE	
10 Dec 70	Lt PRICKETT	Sgt ABSALOM	
11 Dec 70	Capt SUTTON	Sgt WICKS	
12 Dec 70	Capt WATTS	Sgt BURTON	
13 Dec 70	WO2 WEBSTER	Sgt NEALE	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer's/Sgt's Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
7 Dec 70	FDT - LAD - ADMIN	SEQ - 4
8 Dec 70	FDT - LAD - ADMIN	SEQ - 4
9 Dec 70	FDT - LAD - ADMIN	SEQ - 4
10 Dec 70	FDT - LAD - ADMIN	SEQ - 4
11 Dec 70	FDT - LAD - ADMIN	SHQ - 1
12 Dec 70	FDT - LAD - ADMIN	SHQ - 1
13 Dec 70	FDT - LAD - ADMIN	SHQ - 1

253. MEDALS

1. Vietnam Medal

The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO

Sgt STRATTON, LCPL McDONALD, Tpr McEVOY, Cfn COLLINS.

2. Vietnam Campaign Medal

The following personnel are authorised to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Campaign Medal subject to verification by CARO.

Tpr RAYMOND.

*J.A.N. Chipman*  
(J.A.N. CHIPMAN)  
Maj  
OC



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254. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet 2</u> <u>Loc</u> <u>Picquet 4</u>
14 Dec 70	WO2 AGNEW	Sgt BROWN	To be advised by 0900
15 Dec 70	Lt LEVENS	Sgt LANCASTER	hrs daily.
16 Dec 70	Lt CUMPER	Sgt STRATTION	
17 Dec 70	Lt BRENNAN	Sgt YEATS	
18 Dec 70	Capt POWER	Sgt BURTON	
19 Dec 70	WO2 GREENTREE	Sgt ABSALOM	
20 Dec 70	Lt PRICKETT	Sgt HEISE	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer's/Sgt's Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
14 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ADMIN	SEQ-2-ADMIN
15 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ADMIN	SEQ-2-ADMIN
16 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ADMIN	SEQ-2-ADMIN
17 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ADMIN	SHQ-1-ADMIN
18 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ADMIN	SHQ-1-ADMIN
19 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ADMIN	SHQ-1-ADMIN
20 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ADMIN	SHQ-2-ADMIN

255. MEDALS

1. Vietnam Medal

The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO.

Maj P.W. BOURKE, Pte A.L. HAYMAN, Pte R.G. BARCLAY, Pte R.G. DAVIE, Tpr P.G. BLOOMFIELD and Tpr D.J. THOMPSON.

256. Opening of Letters Sent to Australia

1. Numerous complaints have been received about the opening of private letters by postal and customs authorities. Attention is drawn to MBI 168-8, paragraph 27 which states:

"All articles sent to Australia through the post are subject to quarantine and customs inspection and all parcels and packages must have an approved form of Customs Declaration fixed on them, duly completed by the sender."

2. Some complaints alleged unnecessarily officious behaviour by postal/customs officials and these are to be investigated in Australia. It should be clearly understood however, that the opening of letters is a legitimate act provided that the addressee is present or has given written permission.

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3. Unit members should be reminded that, despite recent rumours to the contrary, customs declarations are still required for cassette tapes sent to Australia.
4. When the investigation in Australia is completed HQ AFV intends to notify the detailed procedures of examination required by postal and customs regulations.

257. Identity Discs and Identity Cards

1. An increasing number of 1 ATF soldiers when questioned by RAA Pro road patrols in the TAOR or by foot patrols in Vung Tau, are not wearing identity discs or carrying identity cards.
2. Identity discs are to be worn by 1 ATF members at all times.
3. Identity cards are to be carried by 1 ATF members at all times except when outside the 1 ATF base on operations.
4. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 Nos 37 and 38 dated 15 Jun 70 are cancelled.

258. Unauthorised Disclosure of Classified Information

Reference: A. Army Security Manual Vol. 1 1969 Para 203.

1. An occurrence has been reported of the unauthorised disclosure of classified information by a member serving in South Vietnam to a civilian in Australia.
2. All members of AFV are warned that the disclosure of information to any person, other than in the course of his official duty, is an offence and the member may be charged under the relevant Acts as stated in the reference.

259. Education Qualifications for Promotion of Soldiers

Reference: A. MBI 171-1

1. It has been advised that, after 1 Feb 72, the following education qualifications will be required for substantive promotion to the ranks shown:
  - a. Sergeant or staff sergeant - AACE 2
  - b. Warrant officer class 2 or class 1 - AACE 1
2. The above requirements are subject to the following conditions:
  - a. A soldier holding provisional or temporary rank on 1 Feb 72 will be required to gain the appropriate education qualification in order to be substantively promoted to that rank.
  - b. A soldier who was promoted to the substantive rank of warrant officer class 2 before 1 Jan 66 is exempt from qualifying in AACE 1 for promotion to the rank of warrant officer class 1.
3. An amendment to the reference MBI may be anticipated. These requirements are to be repeated in unit routine orders.

*J.A.N. Chipman*  
(J.A.N. CHIPMAN)  
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NOTICE

Clearance of Mail/EFM Telegram Facility

1. Complaints are frequently received in this theatre and by Commands in Australia concerning mail delivery. These complaints normally refer to one of the following occurrences:

- a. Delay in delivery of a single letter or parcel.
- b. Bunching; that is, delivery on one date of several letters which were originated on different dates.
- c. Sequentially numbered letters being received out of order.

2. Factors contributing to these occurrences in theatre or in Australia are:

- a. Postage after the mail clearance time.

NOTE: Postage means placement in an official mail box.

Clearance times vary depending on the day of the week, the location, the class of mail, and whether or not the mail is registered.

- b. Provision of daily clearance and delivery service within theatre, compared with the week day postal service in Australia, excluding various state and Federal holidays.
- c. The variety of air, rail or road transport of mail in Australia, depending on the day of clearance, the place of origin or destination, class of mail and registration, volume of mail and available means of transport.
- d. The mail clearance and delivery system in theatre, depending on the member's location.
- e. Availability of aircraft, which is affected by serviceability, weather conditions, payload available, cancellation or rescheduling of Australian charter flights and US R & R flights.
- f. Volume of mail being handled particularly during the peak Christmas period which extends from November to January.
- g. Any industrial problem in Australia affecting transportation or mail.

3. For one or a combination of the above reasons, delivery of first class mail within seven days of posting must be accepted as satisfactory. Second class can be expected to take longer.

4. Mail delays are expected during the Christmas - New Year period as there will be PMG deliveries in Australia on only seven days between 18 Dec 70 and 4 Jan 71.

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5. Attention is drawn to the EFM telegram facility provided at all post offices in theatre and in Australia at a cost of 50 cents.

6. Members are advised to notify persons in Australia with whom they correspond of the following:

- a. Mail delivery details outlined in this order.
- b. The availability of the EFM telegram facility in Australia.

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260. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet 2 Loc</u>	<u>4 Loc</u>
21 Dec 70	WO2 AGNEW	Sgt NEALE	To be advised by 0900	
22 Dec 70	Capt BOWD	Sgt LANCASTER	hrs daily.	
23 Dec 70	Capt SUTTON	Sgt WICKS		
24 Dec 70	WO2 WEBSTER	Sgt TYRES		
25 Dec 70	Capt WATTS	Sgt RILEY		
26 Dec 70	Lt BRENNAN	Sgt GOLDRING		
27 Dec 70	Lt LEVENS	Sgt BROWN		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer's/Sgt's Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
21 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ARMSTRONG	SEQ-1-EVERETT
22 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ARMSTRONG	SEQ-1-EVERETT
23 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-ARMSTRONG	SEQ-1-SIBLEY
24 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-SABOLIC	SHQ-2-SIBLEY
25 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-SABOLIC	SHQ-2-FORBES
26 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-SABOLIC	SHQ-2-FORBES
27 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-MITCHELL	SHQ-2-FORBES

261. MEDALS

1. Vietnam Medal

The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO.

LCPL P.M. CORMACK, TPR W. STEWART, TPR P.S. GILES and TPR R.W. FORBES.

262. R&R Dates - JAN/FEB/MAR 71

1. The following members are to R&R on the dates shown in Jan 71.

a. AUSTRALIA

TAIPEI

1	Jan 71	Tpr K.J. HUNTER	21 Jan 71	Tpr P.R. SCARR
3	"	Tpr R.A. STEWART		
4	"	Tpr G.J. JEWELL		
8	"	Tpr A.B. TROST		
8	"	Tpr I.L. BIGNALL		
11	"	CPL G.R. REDSHAW		
11	"	LCPL M.N. O'CALLAHAN		
13	"	Tpr G.D. HALL		
17	"	Tpr A.M. MURPHY		
22	"	Tpr G. STOJKOVIC		
27	"	Tpr R.W. BUCKLEY		

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2a. FEBRUARY 71

AUSTRALIA

3 Feb 71 Tpr L.A. CONWAY  
3 " " Tpr R.J. COSTELLO  
5 " " Tpr R.A. MARTLEW  
10 " " Tpr C.H. JOHNSTON  
10 " " Tpr K.T. SLAVIN  
10 " " Tpr D.P. RAYMOND  
17 " " Cpl S.T. BARLOW  
19 " " Capt C.J. SUTTON  
21 " " Tpr G.N. KENT  
21 " " Tpr D.R. PEEL  
21 " " Tpr G. McNAB  
22 " " Lcpl B.P. FLYNN  
28 " " Tpr J.C. WAKEFIELD

HONG KONG

2 Feb 71 Tpr I. TODOROVIC  
14 " " Tpr D.N. PLACE  
22 " " Cpl C.L. HARRIS  
22 " " Tpr R.J. MITCHELL

TAIPEI

7 Feb 71 Tpr D.W. ANDERSON  
15 " " Tpr R.A. STEWART

BANKOK

23 Feb 71 Tpr W.E. BALDWIN

3a. MARCH 71

AUSTRALIA

1 Mar 71 Tpr P.L. COTTER  
3 Mar 71 Tpr J.B. KING  
15 Mar 71 Tpr K.J. SLAVIN  
17 Mar 71 Tpr J.E. ROBERTSON  
17 Mar 71 Tpr N.J. BLAIK  
22 Mar 71 Tpr P.M. LUCAS  
24 Mar 71 WO2 P. GREENTREE  
24 Mar 71 Cfn I. BROOK  
26 Mar 71 Capt D.J. WATTS  
31 Mar 71 Cfn J. VALVO  
31 Mar 71 Tpr G.R. LOWE

HONG KONG

28 Mar 71 Tpr M.E. CRAZE  
28 " " Tpr J.C. HUGHES

TAIPEI

1 Mar 71 Tpr A.J. HOESEASON-SMITH  
28 " " Tpr G.T. POWELL  
29 " " Tpr B. EDGAR

BANKOK

5 Mar 71 Cpl K.N. MILLER

263. Alcoholic Liquor

Purchase and Sale

1. 1 ATF TAOR. Alcoholic liquor is only to be purchased by individual members of 1 ATF in the 1 ATF TAOR from authorised messes, clubs or canteens in the 1 ATF Base, at the Horseshoe where authorised, or by members of liaison teams officially attached to other headquarters. Members are not to purchase from civilian establishments or individuals.

2. Vung Tau Special Zone. Alcoholic liquor is only to be purchased in 1 ALSG or in the Vung Tau Special Zone for personal consumption at the time and place of sale, and members are not to remove such alcoholic liquor from this area.

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264. Unauthorised Disclosure of Classified Information

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2. All members of AFV are warned that the disclosure of information to any person, other than in the course of his official duty, is an offence and the member may be charged under the relevant Acts as stated in the reference.

265. Duties of Key Personnel

General

1. This supersedes all previous statements and should be read in conjunction with the following references:
  - a. Staff Duties (Australia)
  - b. 1 ATF SOP's
  - c. AFV SOP's
2. Duties as shown are to be included in revised Squadron SOP's when issued.

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- a. Understudy OC and retain updated operations brief in order to assume command of the squadron at any time.
- b. Act for OC in his absence.
- c. Prepare and implement squadron administrative plans.
- d. Co-ordinate all A and Q matters affecting the squadron both internal and external.
- e. Supervise functions of QM and SSM.
- f. Supervise the operation of administrative rear links.
- g. During operations, control the movement of A and B echelons.
- h. Supervise all resupply and co-ordinate security of LZ's and DZ's for the Squadron.
- i. Squadron harbour master when squadron deployed as a whole.
- j. Supervises the function of the Sqn CP (fwd) when appropriate.
- k. Squadron Recce officer for harbours and leaguers.
- l. Supervising Officer for Sergeants Mess.
- m. Unit Security Officer.
- n. Acts as Unit Adjutant.
- o. Unit Welfare and Amenities Officer.
- p. Unit Resettlement Officer.
- q. Base defence commander.

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- r. Maintains Commanders Diary.
- s. Responsible for squadron medical plan
- t. PMC of Officers Mess.
- u. President of Unit Messing Committee.
- v. President/Treasurer of Regimental Funds Committee.
- w. Unit movement officer.
- x. Hospital visiting Officer.
- y. Unit Education Officer.
- z. Unit MPC conversion Officer.

Technical Officer

- a. Responsible to OC for the technical efficiency of the squadron.
- b. Acts for 2IC in his absence.
- c. Prepares and implements the Squadron Technical plan for repair, recovery and servicing.
- d. Allocates priority of work to Wksps and LAD.
- e. Supplies Technical State of Squadron vehicles to Task Force daily.
- f. Supervises vehicle documentation.
- g. Maintains vehicle records to support and update repair and replacement information.
- h. Prepares routine returns on vehicles and technical equipment.
- i. Rosters, supervises and records Non Technical inspection of equipment and advises OC on deficiencies observed.
- j. Collects and retains all technical information and dates pertaining to Squadron equipment and disseminates as necessary.
- k. Provides Technical Liaison with LAD, Wksps, HQ 1 ATF and HQ AFV and allied units.
- l. Processes defect reports and modification and redesign suggestions.
- m. Supervise the operation of squadron CP (rear) - including Base Defence.
- n. Act as troop comd for Spec Eqpt personnel.
- o. Squadron recce officer for special eqpt tasks and adviser to OC on employment of special eqpt.
- p. Co-ordinate the return of unserviceable vehicles from the squadron point of view.
- q. President of Squadron Audit Board.
- r. Direct Squadron Technical Sergeant.

Squadron Liaison Officer (LO)

- a. Liaison duties with high HQ, supporting arms and flanking formations.
- b. Assists OC in planning and recce as required.
- c. Understudy 2IC and Tech Offr in their recce tasks.
- d. Act as rebroadcast or relay station as required.

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- e. Carrier as required.
- f. Unit Emplaning Officer.
- g. Unit PR Officer and correspondent.
- h. Secretary of Regimental Funds Committee.
- i. Unit Intelligence Officer.
- j. Act as Forward Tank Officer when required.
- k. Maintains Squadron Training Library.
- l. Responsible for Squadron Scrapbook.

Quartermaster (QM)

- a. Responsible to OC for the correct and timely procurement, storage, issue, replacement and return of all vehicles, stores and equipment on charge to the squadron.
- b. Commands B echelon and is responsible to the OC for its efficiency.
- c. Maintains a constant record of B echelon holdings of ammunition, POL, rations and water.
- d. Detailed supervision of squadron category.
- e. Supervising Officer of OR's mess and a member of unit messing committee.
- f. Responsible for submission of all routine Q returns required by TF HQ.
- g. Supervisor of Unit Canteen.
- h. Liaises with Tpt NCO to arrange resupply tasks.
- i. Co-ordinates and processes squadron Air Task Requests of administrative nature.

Officer Commanding LAD (OC LAD)

- a. Responsible to the OC for the efficiency and discipline of the LAD.
- b. Administer the repair and recovery and technical inspections and adjustments to unit vehicles and equipment according to the priorities laid down by the Tech Officer.
- c. Advises OC and Tech Offr on technical matters pertaining to squadron equipment.
- d. Unit Fire Officer.

Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM)

- a. Responsible to the OC for squadron welfare, discipline, health and hygiene.
- b. Compiles duty rosters.
- c. Commands A echelon and when Squadron is deployed under SHQ he is responsible for the following:
  - 1. Servicing and technical efficiency of A echelon vehicles, working to Tech Offr.

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2. Resupply of Squadron from A echelon.
3. Protection and security of A echelon.
4. Maintenance of a constant record of reserves of ammunition POL, Rations and water held by A echelon.
- d. Supervise squadron timings and punctuality.
- e. Maintains location board showing location of all personnel.
- f. PMC of Sergeants Mess.
- g. Responsible for ammunition point.
- h. Supervises Orderly Room procedures.
- i. Responsible for local administration of transport Troop.

Sqn Signals Sergeant (PRONTO)

- a. Act as squadron signals officer producing signal instructions as required and distributing SOI's and codes.
- b. Senior control operator on the squadron net for F echelon from the rear CP.
- c. Assists compilation of Duty Offr and Duty operator rosters for rear CP.
- d. Ensures that the radio and telephone watch is maintained at all times in rear CP.
- e. Is responsible for the passage of information from the CP to involved groups. He should regularly examine the radio logs to ensure that this information is passed.
- f. Responsible for radio punctuality, discipline and security on all nets operated by the squadron. To work in conjunction with SHQ Sgt in relation to these matters when Fwd CP is deployed. Reference for Voice Procedure - Sigs Pamphlet.
- g. Responsible to Unit Security Officer for security of all classified material held and issued from Rear CP.
- h. Provides advise to OC on matters of radio procedure, discipline and requirement for relay stations and state of radio equipment in the squadron.
- i. In conjunction with Tech Officer is to conduct periodic inspections of all squadron radio installations and report on state of equipment and adherence to radio crew drills and record these inspections.
- j. Maintain updated Battle Map in conjunction with SHQ Sgt.
- k. Responsible for maintenance of communications map for squadron operations.

SHQ Sergeant

- a. Act as troop sergeant for SHQ personnel.
- b. Act as Squadron Intelligence sergeant.
- c. Responsible for procurement and storage of maps, air photos, enlargements etc.

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- d. Responsible for deployment of SHQ vehicles as directed by SHQ Officer.
- e. Responsible for production of enlargements, traces and special overlays. Responsible for maintenance of OC's Maps.
- f. Responsible for processing of intelligence reports and summaries and extraction of information from those sources for briefing OC and marking battle maps.
- g. Responsible for dissemination of troop information sheets and for relay of information of value to troop via the appropriate means.
- h. Responsible for fwd CP establishment, radio and telephone picquets and duty offr/NCO roster.
- i. Responsible for the processing of captured enemy material and documents.
- j. Responsible for traffic control and sign posting in squadron area.
- k. Responsible for maintenance of going map and for collection and distribution of data on going in the TAOR and in any special area.
- l. Responsible to advise OC on crewing, intelligence matters and going.
- m. Responsible to advise Tech Offr on any Technical matters pertaining to SHQ Tp.
- n. Responsible for the passage of information from fwd CP to interested parties. Should examine logs hourly to ensure timely and accurate passage of information.
- o. Understudy all tasks carried out by IO.

Tpr NCO

- a. Responsible to Tech Officer for servicing and technical efficiency of unit B vehicle transport and equipment.
- b. Allocation of transport.
- c. Maintenance of records.
- d. Procurement and holding of oils and greases for squadron.
- e. Close co-ordination with QM and SSM on resupply tasks.
- f. Tpt tp is under SSM for local administration.

Orderly Room Sergeant

Reference: SD (Aust) Chapter 2.

- a. Responsible for conduct of orderly room as directed by Squadron.
- b. Maintains Squadron Roll Books and attendance and ration records.
- c. Responsible for receipt, filing and dissemination of all incoming correspondence and for recording, filing and despatch of out going correspondence.
- d. Responsible for organization of tasks in the Squadron Orderly Room.
- e. Advise OC and 2IC of all operationally urgent matters and other matters requiring urgent action.

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266. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet 2&amp;4 Loc</u>
28 Dec 70	WO2 AGNEW	Sgt NEAL	To be advised
29 Dec 70	WO2 GREENTREE	Sgt STRATTON	by 0900 hrs daily
30 Dec 70	Capt BOWD	Sgt CHAMBERS	
31 Dec 70	Lt LEVENS	Sgt YEATS	
1 Jan 71	Capt WATTS	Sgt WICKS	
2 Jan 71	Lt CORNELL	Sgt TYRES	
3 Jan 71	Capt POWER	Sgt BURTON	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer's/Sgt's Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
28 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-THOMPSON	SEQ-2-TRANSPORT
29 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-THOMPSON	SEQ-2-TRANSPORT
30 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-THOMPSON	SHQ-3-MITCHELL
31 Dec 70	FDT-LAD-IRY	SHQ-3-MITCHELL
1 Jan 71	FDT-LAD-IRY	SEQ-1-EVERETT
2 Jan 71	FDT-LAD-IRY	SHQ-1-JONES
3 Jan 71	FDT-LAD-FORBES	SEQ-1-Q STORE

<u>Dates</u>	<u>OR's Canteen and Picture Area</u>
28 Dec 70	2 Troop
29 Dec 70	FDT
30 Dec 70	1 Troop
31 Dec 70	SHQ
1 Jan 71	ADMIN
2 Jan 71	LAD
3 Jan 71	SEQ

267. MEDALS

1. Vietnam Medal

The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO.

2Lt I.D. FARRANT, CPl T.W. BIRD, TPR T. JONES and PTE D.M. HUNTER.

268. Instructions to Individuals Proceeding on R and R

For all personnel proceeding on R and R, emphasis is placed on the following points:

- a. Dress for ALL personnel proceeding to and from all R and R centres is polyester uniform. Sleeves are to be rolled down and ties are to be worn. Members will not be emplaned if dress, haircuts etc are below the required standard.

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- b. AFV personnel proceeding to R and R centres, other than Australia, must convert MPC to US dollars prior to departure. Maximum conversion of MPC to US dollars permitted is \$500.00 and will be effected at the cash office serving the area where members are normally located, or, if required to stay overnight at Camp Alpha, at the AFV Cash Office cashier located at Tan Son Nhut.
- c. All personnel are required to be in possession of a minimum of \$US 200.00 when proceeding to R and R centres other than Australia.
- d. Members requiring to convert MPC to US dollars, in excess of \$200.00, are required to be in possession of a properly completed adapted form F-WF 226 to enable the currency change to be effected. This does not restrict members from drawing pay in US dollars for use outside Vietnam but only limits the conversion of MPC into US dollars. Payment of paybook credits must be authorized by members CO/OC on the adapted WF 226.
- e. All members on return to Vietnam are to convert US dollars into MPC at the AFV Cash Office cashier at Tan Son Nhut. It is an offence to be in possession of US dollars while in Vietnam.
- f. Not more than 500 piasters may be taken out of Vietnam.
- g. Personnel must possess a legible immunization record and all immunizations must be current. IHC and ID cards are to be carried on the members person. For R and R to Australia a Free From Infection Certificate is also required.
- h. Cigarettes. One carton of 200 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco is permitted to all R and R centres except Australia where the maximum allowed is one packet of 20 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco.
- i. Foodstuffs. No foodstuffs of any kind are permitted to be taken to Australia. This includes chewing gum, sweets, candy potato chips etc.
- j. Liquer. One sealed bottle of alcohol is the maximum to all centres. The seal must be intact.
- k. Army equipment or war souvenirs. No Australian or foreign equipment or souvenirs such as poncho liners, VC flags, US Army Clothing etc are permitted to be taken from Vietnam on R and R.
- l. Inflammables/Explosives. No ammunition or explosives are permitted and in addition brasso, butane or lighter fluid cannot be taken on R and R to any centres.
- m. Pornographic photographs, books, etc are not permitted nor are photographs of war dead.
- n. Any medical drugs or tablets, other than paludrine must be authorised in writing by the members RAP etc staff.

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o. Handbaggage will be limited to camera and camera accessories for Sydney and Hong Kong flights, all other baggage will be stored in the hold of the aircraft, including toilet necessities.

269. Australian Forces Radio (AFR) - 1 ATF Representative

1. The 1 ATF representative on the AFR Advisory Committee is the DAAG HQ 1 ATF.
2. Suggestions to improve the AFR services should be made through Unit Amenities Officers, or direct to the DAAG.

270. Drawing of Water - Entry on AAF F78

1. Vehicle drivers are failing to enter the details of water drawn on the AAFs F78 provided at Water Points.
2. Members drawing water from Water Points are to ensure that the entries are made. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action against the members concerned.

271. Amendments to Routine Orders

1. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Routine Order Part 1 No 265/70 is amended as follows:
  - a. Duties of 2IC Sub Para .j  
delete FWD  
insert REAR
  - b. Duties of Technical Officer Sub Para ~~E~~, delete whole para and insert the following:  
  
Supervise the operation of squadron CP (Fwd) including base defence (Fwd).

NOTICES

Malarial Precautions

1. Dapsone was prescribed for 1 ATF on 30 August 70 - 15 weeks ago.
2. Only one soldier of 1 ATF has contracted malaria since. It is believed that this soldier suffered from gastro-enteritis, missed some meals and consequently failed to take paludrin or dapsone for two days.
3. If you are unwell you must continue with your suppressive tablets.
4. The Commander wishes to express his pleasure at the excellent standard of individual and group discipline being maintained in anti-malarial precautions.
5. November-December is the worst period for malaria and 1970 has seen the lowest malaria rate since 1 ATF has been at Nui Dat.

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